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Freemasonry and Liberty

Foreword . . .

This month, we explore the unbreakable link between Freemasonry and the concept or ideal of liberty. Synonyms for liberty include, among others: autonomy, choice, freedom, independence, opportunity, emancipation, and so forth. See, <https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/liberty> .

Perhaps the most impressive embodiment of liberty, and its ties to Freemasonry, stands in New York Harbor; it is the Statue of Liberty, designed by Bro. Frederic-Auguste Bartholdi, with structural engineering by Bro. Gustave Eiffel.

<https://21stcenturycicero.wordpress.com/american-icons/the-statue-of-liberty-a-masonic-goddess-from-top-to-bottom/> .

Naturally, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was placed in a solemn ceremony in 1884 organized by the Masonic lodges of New York. https://www.hmdb.org/marker.asp?marker_54920

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In this edition, we consider liberty in the broader context of our Craft along with references to the Fourth of July and even Bastille



Day, among other things; we look at a list of Freemasons who signed the Declaration of Independence and declared our freedom from the tyranny of the English King; and we examine a meaningful Masonic moment at the battle of Gettysburg which was a part of that greater fight for freedom and emancipation from slavery.

Of course, also included in this edition are the usual Officers' articles, Trestleboard, Member news, Upcoming Events, the Grand Masters' Proclamation for July, etc..

Happy Reading.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp, Editor

July Trestleboard

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

July 6 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)

July 13 Hiram Award for Wor. Steven A. Wolvek, PM, at the Lodge, 10AM (Formal)

July 13 Mason of the Year Celebration honoring Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM, SW, 6PM @ Pasadena Scottish Rite (Formal)

July 17 CFS Third Wednesday Bkfst., 8AM @ Four 'n 20 Rest., Sh. Oaks (casual)

July 20 - Degree TBD

Looking Ahead into August

August 3 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)

August 17 TBD

August 21 CFS Third Wednesday Bkfst.

July and Liberty

I began thinking about this July issue back in May. “What will I write for July?”, I asked myself.

Well, there’s the Fourth of July, a day during which we celebrate the American Revolution and our liberty and independence from England, a cause in which so many Freemasons were involved. (See the article, below, on signers of the Declaration of Independence.)

And then, there’s Bastille Day, the national day of France, celebrated on July 14, which is the anniversary of Storming of the Bastille on 14 July 1789, a turning point of the French Revolution. See,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bastille_Day .

With Bastille Day and July Fourth in mind, I began to think of the phrase: Liberté, égalité, fraternité [liberty, equality, fraternity]. This motto of France became the inspiration for this piece.

So, let’s talk about these concepts ... in reverse order:

Fraternity. In the above cited Wikipedia article, there is this phrase that touched me: “fraternity is the realization of a happy community, [devoid] of any conflicts and opposed to any form of egotism.” *Ibid.* Fraternity is also “friendship and support between people who feel they are closely linked to each other.” See,

<https://www.collinsdictionary.com/us/dictionary/english/fraternity> .

As Freemasons and members of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge, we are in such a fraternity and we ARE such a fraternity: We are a happy community without conflict or egotism; we also feel closely linked by mutual friendship and support. We enjoy our fraternity and support it.

Equality. According to Wikipedia: “Social equality is a state of affairs in which all people within a specific society or isolated group have the same status in certain respects, including civil rights, freedom of speech, property rights and equal access to certain social goods and services.

However, it also includes concepts of health equality, economic equality and other social securities. It also includes equal opportunities and obligations, and so involves the whole of society. Social equality requires the absence of legally enforced social class or caste boundaries and the absence of discrimination motivated by an inalienable part of a person's identity. For example, sex, gender, race, age, sexual orientation, origin, caste or class, income or property, language, religion, convictions, opinions, health or disability must absolutely not result in unequal treatment under the law and should not reduce opportunities unjustifiably.” See,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_equality .

For us as Freemasons (according to the Grand Lodge of California): “Freemasonry celebrates ethnic diversity and welcomes men of all racial backgrounds.... The fraternity transcends religious, ethnic, cultural, social, and educational differences.” We meet on the level. We are all equal to one another and we treat one another as equals. Within our lodge, and without, we experience equality and promote it.

Liberty. We experience liberty in our fraternity, as well, and in this country. We enjoy freedom of association. We come and go as we please and we are allowed to meet when and where we want. We enjoy freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and as directed by the Worshipful Master, “freedom from restraint” from time to time. We enjoy one another’s company and the friendship and fellowship that comes from our happy connections with one another.

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Liberty is our biggest prize for living in a free country. Here is what Justice Louis Brandeis said about liberty: "Those who won our independence believed ... liberty to be the secret of happiness, and courage to be the secret of liberty. They believed that freedom to think as you will, and to speak as you think, are ... indispensable" *Whitney v. California*, 274 U.S. 357, 375 (1927) Brandeis, J., concurring.

As we celebrate liberty, equality and fraternity this month, within our lodge and without, we cherish our good fortune to live where we live, to think, speak and act as we will (within societal norms), and to meet, act and part as men and Masons. We are truly fortunate to have and enjoy liberty, equality and fraternity in our lives. Happy Fourth of July (and Happy Bastille Day too if you are French!).

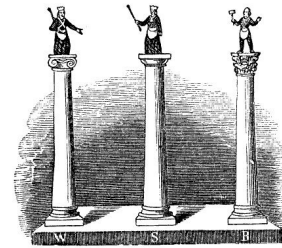
Editor's note: The image of the Liberty Bell is attributed to the page at

<http://www.ushistory.org/libertybell/>

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. David I. Karp



[Pictured above: Some of our Masonic Brethren at liberty to enjoy the First Annual Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 Golf Tournament, June 14, 2019, benefitting lodge programing including our commitment to the Grand Lodge's Write the Future Campaign.]



From the East

Brethren,
The month of June was a busy one for the lodge. June was proclaimed by the Grand Master to be Masonic Homes Month. With that in mind, we are reminded of our pledge to the "Write the Future Campaign" that needs to be fulfilled. We agreed to finance it with our first ever Golf Tournament. This was an exciting event as well as a very productive one.

The golf tournament, see at left, was attended by brothers from different lodges, namely Metropolitan Lodge, Sunnyside Lodge, Granada Hills Lodge, and San Fernando Lodge. Fellowship and award ceremonies followed at my house. Our special Guest was the Consul General of the Philippines in Los Angeles, Brother Adel Cruz. I am happy to report that we netted a sizable amount towards fulfilling our pledge for this year, and then some. I would like to thank our chairpersons of this event, and contributors: Brother Barry (who organized the golf course details), Brother Ramiel, Brother Roland, and most especially Brother Brigs Mandia, who's patience and perseverance in visiting other lodges with me, resulted in a very fruitful event. Thank you very much brothers!!! Also thanks to brother Johnny and Bro Ibrahim for the delicious kabob you prepared for the fellowship.

In the process of promoting our golf tournament, we have found new friends who are supportive of our lodge and its goals. This is the point of traveling, my brothers. We not only
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promote our activities, but also make new friendships. We also learn from others' customs and traditions, and find things we can bring back to our lodge and to make our own.

The next day after the golf event, we continued our lodge tradition of the Father's Day Degree at the Masonic Home in Covina, as shown below. We again traveled to Covina, and met our older brothers who are residents there. They enjoyed our first degree ritual, which also enabled our very own Brother Johnny to open the lodge and to obligate one candidate. He is on the way to completing his requirements for his ascent to the South. This was followed by a lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs with a big side of fellowship with our Covina Home residents. We were also joined by a sojourner visitor from Italy, Brother Franco Eco, from Espero Lodge in Rome. He was impressed with our ritual and noted some differences in our customs. The food was bought and prepared by Brother Johnny and his wife. Special thanks to both of them for the hard work.

Once again, I encourage everyone to participate in all our events. The more brothers who participate, the lighter the load.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Stated Meeting, upcoming on July 6. Also, have a Happy Fourth of July.

Fraternally from the East,
Wor. Roger L. Soriano
Master



From the West

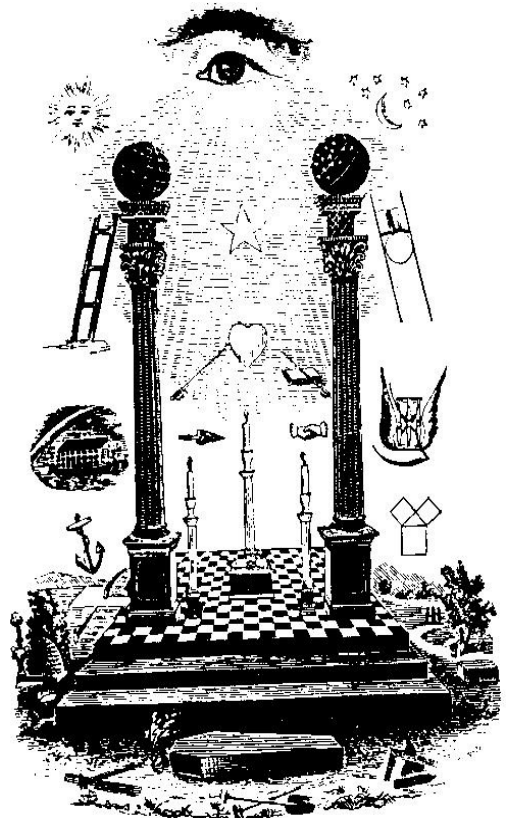
Brethren,

We had an amazing Father's Day Degree at the Covina Masonic Homes to celebrate Father's Day and Masonic Homes Month with our Brother residents of the Masonic Homes. We had two 1st degree conferrals and a BBQ lunch following the event.

We also held our 1st Annual Golf Tournament held at the Knollwood Gold Club in Granada Hills. We had a great attendance of players and sponsors. Thank you to the players and sponsors for making this a successful lodge fundraiser.

As we look forward to July, the officers will continue to advance in their respective stations. If anyone needs help in qualifying, feel free to contact me...

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



From the South

Brethren,
As suggested in the source material for this piece [see at end], someday you may be asked the question by a Mason, whom you do not know, “Are you a Traveling Man”? The reference is as old as the Craft of Masonry.

In the ancient world of Operative Masonry, Masons were often required to move from job to job and place to place much as in our modern times. Master Masons were more likely to travel great distances than those of Brother Fellowcrafts and Entered Apprentices. Because of their experience, they could move freely from job to job. Those doing so were usually members of a Masonic guild, whose members would, if known, vouch for the qualifications of another “traveling” Mason.

In Speculative Masonry we as Master Masons may move freely from Lodge to Lodge either as a visitor or by moving our membership. Upon providing the proper documents or by being tested, we can be found worthy to attend another Master Mason Lodge. Essentially this is the same as moving from one job to another or from one ancient Masonic guild to another.

Additionally, a Master Mason is a traveler towards the East, as East is where the sun comes up and the source of light. This is why the Master sits in the East. Thus, being a traveling man represents our journey from darkness to Masonic light or enlightenment.

There is more to the story. As you might suspect, the answer to the query, “Are you a Traveling Man?” is “Yes.” But the answer to the *follow up question* will be found in the opening of a lodge of Master Masons. So, for those who wish to know the proper response and are not yet Master Masons, you should think about and work on your advancement from Entered Apprentice to Fellowcraft and from Fellowcraft to Master Mason.

Then you will know all there is to know in Freemasonry including how to greet men you

suspect to be Brothers. And as an added bonus, you can visit other lodges too.

Source:

<http://www.mastermason.com/bridgeportlodge181/SHORT44.HTM>

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



From our Secretary

Brethren,
Thanks to all of you we were able to pull through two first degrees on June 15, 2019. This is another successful accomplishment that can be added to our young but vibrant Lodge. Also the residents of the Masonic Homes were very happy and thankful for the lunch we provided. Having said that, we still have a long road ahead of us. We have too many Brothers who are EAs and we need to work with them so they can advance in their Masonic journey. As for the line officers, they need to qualify because time is not on our side.

Brethren, we need everyone to pay their dues because by the end of this month Grand Lodge will be calculating the per capita based on Lodge membership and if you don't pay your dues you will cost the Lodge over \$50.00 dollars.

Masonry requires from us attendance and participation. This is what we all committed to when we joined the lodge. The lodge should be like a bee hive where every brother should do his share so we can accomplish our goals.

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

Fraternally,
Bro. Akram Alawar
Secretary



From our Treasurer

Brethren,
As a followup to Bro. Akram's message above, here is my usual reminder:

If not previously paid, 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

Upcoming Lodge Events

Here are some upcoming events mentioned on the first page that are not regular meetings at the Lodge:

July 13, 2019 (10AM) Hiram Award Presentation to Wor. Steven A. Wolvek, PM, at the Lodge. (Dress: formal).

July 13, 2019 (6PM) Mason of the Year Dinner and Awards Program.

Our nominee: Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM, Senior Warden of CFS Daylight Lodge No. 866.

Hosted by Division 7 Masons of California Pasadena Scottish Rite, 150 N Madison Ave, Pasadena, California 91101

Schedule:

6:00 PM: Meet & Greet Social

6:30 PM: Dinner

7:30 PM: Program

Follow this link to order tickets online:

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4099986>

\$25.00 per person (\$26.87 w/service fee)

Or make checks payable to "Third Division Inspectors," and mail to Masonic Service Bureau of Los Angeles, 16800 Devonshire St. Suite 101, Granada Hills, Ca 91344-7411

July 21, 2019 (8AM) CFS Third Wednesday Breakfast. Our new tradition!

Monthly informal get-together (no-host, and whoever wants to come can just show up), on the third Wednesday of each month at 8AM, at Four 'n 20 Restaurant, 5530 Van Nuys Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91401. It's another opportunity for fellowship among Masons and it's a space where we can include non-members having expressed an interest in our lodge or the Craft. RSVP to davidikarp@karpmediation.com if you can or just show up. [This event probably does not preclude other similar social gatherings if others want to arrange additional or alternative informal get-togethers over a meal or drinks, but run it by the WM first.]



Member News

July birthdays: Akram Alawar, Rami Alawar, Keith S. Cotton, Bruce L. Hawley, PM. Happy Birthday, Brothers. Third Degree Anniversary: Joseph T. Eden. Congratulations.

Wor. Steve Wolvek, PM, and Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM will be honored this month with the Hiram Award and "Mason of the Year" Award respectively. They are most deserving. Congratulations.

Congratulations to Bros. Hamood Hamood and Majd Fahma on their initiation as Entered Apprentices in this lodge in June.

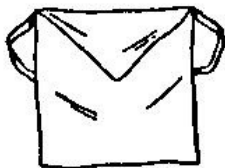
Wor. Steve Wolvek is still collecting recipes for a fund-raising book. Be sure to send him some of your family favorites.

Bro. Bill Raddatz reports the following events for the Van Nuys Chapter 338 Order of the Eastern Star: July 8th - Taco Night price TBD; Aug. 12th - Paint Night \$45. Contact Bro. Bill for further information if interested.

Bro. Virgil A. Maravillas, Sr., is recovering from a minor cardiac procedure and is on the mend. We wish him a complete healing of body and soul.

Wor. Steve Wolvek had a recent encounter with Urgent Care. We hope everything is all right.

Bro. David I. Karp humbly thanks the Brethren of this lodge for the courtesy, kindness and caring extended to him at the June Stated Meeting upon the surprise bestowal of the Masonic 25 Year Anniversary Award. As with his lamb-skin apron, the cherished pin will be worn with pleasure to himself and with honor to the Fraternity. The meaningful ceremony of that day will be remembered for a lifetime.



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.

Grand Master's Proclamation

JULY 2019 IS SUPPORT OUR
VETERAN'S MONTH

Freemasonry: The Difference Is You

Whereas, our fraternity has always championed patriotism and heartfelt service to country, from the Founding Fathers who established our great nation through the Masons who continue to bravely serve on our behalf today; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of our Masonic brothers and sisters have fearlessly devoted their lives to public service through the armed forces to protect the freedoms we treasure as citizens of this great country; and

Whereas, each July 4 on Independence Day, we celebrate the freedoms achieved by these brothers and sisters through their sacrifices and unwavering devotion to protecting and championing democracy; now,

Therefore, as grand master, I proclaim July 2019 as Support Our Veterans Month in California. I ask all lodges to express gratitude to the veterans in your lodge and community at a special program during the July stated meeting. And, I encourage you all to continue your recognition of these brothers and sisters, and their profound sacrifices, throughout the remainder of the year.

Each one of us through our individual and collective efforts can make a lasting difference in a veteran's life. As California Masons and as honorable men, our acknowledgment of and gratitude for our veterans is meaningful. Let us ensure that we recognize, support, and celebrate those who have risked their precious lives so that we may pursue all the ambitions that our glorious freedom provides.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stuart A. Wright

Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou

Grand Secretary



Freemasons Celebrated with Independence

Probably the best accounting of Masonic membership among the signers of the Declaration of Independence is provided in the book *Masonic Membership of the Founding Fathers*, by Ronald E. Heaton, published by the Masonic Service Association at Silver Spring, Maryland. According to this well researched and documented work, proof of Masonic membership can be found for only eight of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence. They are:

Benjamin Franklin, of the Tun Tavern Lodge at Philadelphia;

John Hancock, of St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston;

Joseph Hewes, who was recorded as a Masonic visitor to Unanimity Lodge No. 7, Edenton, North Carolina, in December 1776;

William Hooper, of Hanover Lodge, Masonborough, North Carolina;

Robert Treat Payne, present at Grand Lodge at Roxbury, Massachusetts, in June 1759;

Richard Stockton, charter Master of St. John's Lodge, Princeton, Massachusetts in 1765;

George Walton, of Solomon's Lodge No. 1, Savannah, Georgia; and

William Whipple, of St. John's Lodge, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Source:

<https://gilavalleylodge9.wordpress.com/2012/04/03/the-freemasonrys-influence-on-the-declaration-of-independence-and-the-american-revolution/>



Friend to Friend¹

If you visit the Gettysburg National Military Park, where the battle of Gettysburg took place, July 1-3, 1863, you will find the Friend to Friend Masonic Monument placed there by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMCXR1_Friend_to_Friend_Masonic_Monument_Gettysburg_National_Military_Park_Historic_District_Gettysburg_PA

An inscription on the monument says this:

“This monument is presented by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and dedicated as a memorial to the Freemasons of the Union and Confederacy. Their unique bonds of friendship enabled them to remain a brotherhood undivided, even as they fought in a divided nation, faithfully supporting the respective governments under which they lived.

Dedicated August 21, 1993...” *Ibid.*

The monument depicts a moment in time, on the third day in battle, when Bro. Lewis Armistead, a Confederate Army [brigadier] general, was mortally wounded but in his distress

was aided by Union Army officer, Henry Bingham of General Winfield Scott Hancock’s staff. Both Bingham and Hancock were Brother Masons on the opposite side of the conflict from Armistead.

The moment depicted has a deeper and richer back story, with a connection to Los Angeles, of all places! Bros. Armistead and Hancock were close friends and Masonic Brothers, both stationed here in Southern California at the outbreak of the Civil War.

The following details of that back story come from a piece entitled *L.A. Friends Faced Each Other at Gettysburg* by Cecilia Rasmussen, published in the Los Angeles Times on June 18, 2000, available at

<https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-2000-jun-18-me-42292-story.html> :

“Hancock arrived with his family in 1859, opening downtown Los Angeles’ first military compound.... [¶] [The family] eventually took up residence in a red-painted brick cottage on seven acres at 3rd and Main streets....

“Of Hancock’s friends and future adversaries, Armistead had assumed command of the barracks in San Diego....

“News of the attack on Ft. Sumter on April 12, 1861, took 12 days to reach San Francisco by Pony Express--but only a few minutes to be telegraphed to Los Angeles. In El Monte and Los Angeles, demonstrators endorsed the Southern cause.

“Tensions ran high as the officers chose sides. Nervously awaiting his own orders, Hancock gave an emotional farewell party at his cottage for friends, most of whom resigned their commissions to fight for the Confederacy.... [¶] [Armistead was there and] would not see Hancock again until they met in battle at Gettysburg....

[Editor’s note: Armistead reportedly told Hancock at this party that he would rather die than face his friend on the battlefield and wept openly; however, I cannot now find the source of this tidbit.]

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¹Image attribution:

http://gettysburg.stonesentinels.com/other-monuments/friend-to-friend-masonic-memorial/?fbclid=IwAR25pdLzsDns9XAlJcd3NmOPhb8ePTdSHZLNQr_LReHRJ1g2aXxCXRj2g2k

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“On July 3, 1863, riding into the third day of battle at Gettysburg ..., Hancock ... rode across his line of men, completely exposed to the rain of exploding shells.

“He was hit in the groin, but ordered his men to prop him up in his saddle so he could keep issuing commands....

“About 12,000 rebels, led by his old friends [including] Armistead and [Maj. Gen. George] Pickett [also a Mason], stepped out of the trees on Seminary Ridge along the west front of the battle in what would come to be known as Pickett's Charge. Two long lines of men started toward the Union ranks across three-quarters of a mile of open ground.

“... Armistead, the only Confederate general to reach the Union line, was mortally wounded but lived long enough to stammer out a last message: ‘Say to Gen. Hancock for me that I have done him, and you all, a grievous injury, which I shall always regret.’

“Before he went into battle that day, he had entrusted Gen. Longstreet with his prayer book and instructions to give it to Hancock's wife, whom he had long worshiped from afar. It was inscribed: ‘Trust in God and fear nothing.’”
[Editor's Note: Sound familiar?]

From another plaque on the Friend to Friend Monument:

“Depicted in this sculpture is Union Captain Henry Bingham, a Mason and staff assistant to General Hancock, himself wounded, rendering aid to the fallen Confederate General. Armistead is shown handing his watch and personal effects to be taken to his friend, Union General Hancock. [¶] Hancock survived the war and died in 1886. Armistead died at Gettysburg July 3, 1863. Captain Bingham attained the rank of General and later served 32 years in the United States House of Representatives. He was known as the "Father of the House".

http://www.waymarking.com/waymarks/WMCXR1_Friend_to_Friend_Masonic_Monument_Gettysburg_National_Military_Park_Historic_District_Gettysburg_PA

Such is the fuller story behind the Friend to Friend Monument at Gettysburg. A slightly romanticized version of the friendship of Armistead and Hancock is also depicted in the 1993 film, *Gettysburg*, based on the historical novel *The Killer Angels* (1974) by Michael Shaara.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. David I. Karp

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., 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 (July 13, 2019)

*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.

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