

# In the



# Daylight

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## Justice.

### Foreword ...

July Fourth, Independence Day, is always inspirational. As I was writing this, I was thinking of the Liberty Bell, which I actually saw in Philadelphia a few years ago. Then I was thinking of the phrase, “with Liberty and Justice for all,” from our Pledge of Allegiance. I realize, of course, that we have already explored Liberty (in the July 2019 edition of this newsletter), so the theme for this July’s issue will be Justice, a similar virtue.

There’s plenty to talk about regarding Justice.

We have seen Justice in action in the news lately: with the conviction of George Floyd’s murderer for instance; with prosecutions of some of the January 6 insurrectionists (and even a guilty plea by the Oath Keepers founding member); with the Senate advancing legislation addressing the rising number of hate crimes and violence against Asian Americans. And in many other ways.

We also hear references to Justice in our Masonic ceremonies. Indeed we teach that Justice “is that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render unto every man his just due, without distinction. This virtue is not only consistent with divine and human laws, but is the very cement and support of civil society; and, as justice in a great measure constitutes the really good man, so should it be [one’s] invariable practice never to deviate from the minutest principles thereof....”

I like this quote about Justice:

“Justice is the soil in which all the other virtues can prosper. It is the precondition of all social virtue, indeed of all community life.”<sup>1</sup>

This definition fits so well with our Masonic understanding of Justice.

While thinking about how Justice plays a role in your daily life, please enjoy this July edition of “In the Daylight.”

Fraternally,  
Bro. David I. Karp  
Editor.



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<sup>1</sup>Shalom Spiegel [1889-1984], U.S. educator/author] from his essay “Amos vs. Amaziah,” originally delivered as an address on September 13, 1957 at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America before a distinguished audience including former President [Bro.] Harry S. Truman and U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice [Bro.] Earl Warren. Kolatch, Alfred J. *Great Jewish Quotations*. New York: Jonathan David Publishers, Inc., 1996, at p. 442.

## Many Masons were Supreme Court Justices

**E**ditor's Note: The following is excerpted from an online article, "United States Supreme Court Justices who were Freemasons" by Paul M. Bessel, 5/21/98

### Introduction:

From 1789 to the present, there have been 108 Justices of the United States Supreme Court. Depending on which source is consulted, 34, 36, 38, or 40 of them have been Freemasons. This means about one-third of the Supreme Court Justices were Masons, a far larger proportion than in the general population.

This might be just an interesting statistic, if they were Masons in name only, and some probably were. However, it appears that several were Masters of their Lodges, and some were Grand Masters of their Grand Lodges. Undoubtedly, then, the philosophy and spirit of Freemasonry had some effect on them, as well as the other Masons on the Supreme Court. This, in turn, may mean that to some extent the decisions of the Supreme Court, which have had so much of an impact on the lives of all Americans, reflect some of the teachings of Freemasonry.

### Supreme Court Justices Who Were Freemasons:

Two Supreme Court Justices were Grand Masters of Virginia. John Blair, Jr., was a Justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1789 to 1796. Previously he was Grand Master of Virginia from 1778 to 1784. John Marshall, the greatest Chief Justice of the United States, was in that position from 1801 to 1835. He was also Grand Master of Virginia, from 1793-1795. (However, there is evidence that John Marshall was not proud or enthusiastic about being a Freemason, at least later in his life.)

Another Chief Justice who had a great impact on our country, Earl Warren, served from 1953 to 1969. He was Grand Master of California 1935 to 1936. He was also Potentate of Aahmes

Shrine, and a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason and an officer in two of the Scottish Rite bodies, in Oakland, California. [See also, pp. 5-6, *infra*]

William H. Taft became a Mason "at sight" in 1909, while he was President of the United States and before he became Chief Justice. Although he did not become a Mason in the traditional way, it is reported that he made many visits to Lodge meetings, participated in Masonic ceremonies, and attended meetings of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

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### July Trestle Board

(We meet in person on 1st/3rd Saturdays at 10:00 AM at the Van Nuys Masonic Center, except as otherwise noted. See Masthead, p. 1 for address.)

**July 3, 2021** Dark

**July 8, 2021, 7PM** Executive Committee Mtg, on Zoom. Wor. Celso will provide link.

**July 10, 2021, 10AM**, Stated Meeting. Tiled. In person. Dress casual.

**July 17, 2021, 10AM** Degree (EA), formal attire

**July 24, 2021, 10AM** Degree (FC), formal attire

### August Preview

**August 5, 2021, 7PM** Exec. Comm. Mtg.

**August 7, 2021, 10AM** Stated Meeting

**August 12, 2021, 7PM** --Zoom Fellowship.

**August 21, 2021** Degree or Practice

**August 28, 2021** Degree or Practice

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Robert Trimble, an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court from 1826 to 1828, was Master of his lodge, Union #16 in Paris, Kentucky. Henry Baldwin, Associate Justice from 1830 to 1844, was Master of Lodge #45 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1805. Joseph R. Lamar, Associate Justice from 1910 to 1916, was Senior Warden of Webb Lodge #166 in Augusta, Georgia, in 1885, but apparently did not become Master of the Lodge.

Many of the Supreme Court Justices who were Freemasons also were members of their local Royal Arch Chapters, Cryptic or Royal and Select Master Councils, Knight Templar Commanderies, Scottish Rite bodies, Shrines, and Grottoes.

Stanley Matthews, Associate Justice from 1881-1889, became a Mason in 1847, but dimitted in 1856, long before he served on the Supreme Court.

## Justice from a Mason's Perspective

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from "Cardinal Virtues of Freemasonry" by Greg Stewart, at <https://freemasoninformation.com/2018/12/cardinal-virtues-of-freemasonry/>.

"Justice: One of the four cardinal virtues, the practice of which is inculcated in the first degree. The Mason who remembers how emphatically he has been charged to preserve an upright position in all his dealings with mankind, should never fail to act justly to himself, to his brethren, and to the world. This is the cornerstone on which alone he can expect 'to erect a superstructure alike honorable to himself and to the Fraternity.' In iconography, Justice is usually represented as a matron with bandaged eyes, holding in one hand a sword and in the other a pair of scales at equipoise. But in Masonry the true symbol of Justice, as illustrated in the first degree, is the

feet firmly planted on the ground, and the body upright."

### CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2021

Worshipful Master Celso V. Cardano, Jr., P.M.

Senior Warden Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan

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

Treasurer Barry Mann

Secretary Akram Alawar

Asst. Secretary Thomas ("Tom") K. Sheehan

Chaplain Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig

Senior Deacon Spartak ("Spo") Khachatryan

Junior Deacon Ihrachim Hannoun

Marshal Keith S. Cotton

Senior Steward Michael ("Mike") J. Chavez

Junior Steward Rami Alawar

Organist Majd Fahma

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Officers' Coach Steven ("Steve") A. Wolvek, PM

Candidates' Coach Roger L. Soriano, PM

Inspector Leland H. Celestre, PM



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## “Equal Justice Under Law”

**E**ditor’s Note: The following is excerpted from “The Court and Constitutional Interpretation” at <https://www.supremecourt.gov/about/constitutional.aspx>

“EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW”- These words, written above the main entrance to the Supreme Court Building, express the ultimate responsibility of the Supreme Court of the United States. The Court is the highest tribunal in the Nation for all cases and controversies arising under the Constitution or the laws of the United States. As the final arbiter of the law, the Court is charged with ensuring the American people the promise of equal justice under law and, thereby, also functions as guardian and interpreter of the Constitution....

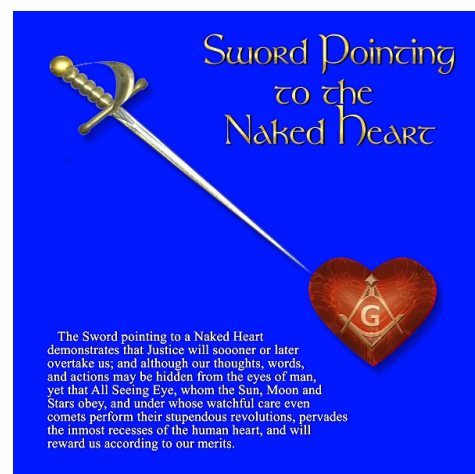
The unique position of the Supreme Court stems, in large part, from the deep commitment of the American people to the Rule of Law and to constitutional government. The United States has demonstrated an unprecedented determination to preserve and protect its written Constitution, thereby providing the American "experiment in democracy" with the oldest written Constitution still in force....

The complex role of the Supreme Court in this system [of coequal branches of government]

derives from its authority to invalidate legislation or executive actions which, in the Court’s considered judgment, conflict with the Constitution. This power of "judicial review" has given the Court a crucial responsibility in assuring individual rights, as well as in maintaining a "living Constitution" whose broad provisions are continually applied to complicated new situations....

...[T]he Court’s power of judicial review was not confirmed until 1803, when it was invoked by Chief Justice John Marshall [a Mason] in *Marbury v. Madison*. In this decision, the Chief Justice asserted that the Supreme Court's responsibility to overturn unconstitutional legislation was a necessary consequence of its sworn duty to uphold the Constitution. That oath could not be fulfilled any other way. "It is emphatically the province of the judicial department to say what the law is," he declared....

The Constitution limits the Court to dealing with "Cases" and "Controversies." John Jay, the first Chief Justice [and also reportedly a Mason], clarified this restraint early in the Court’s history by declining to advise President [Bro.] George Washington on the constitutional implications of a proposed foreign policy decision. The Court does not give advisory opinions; rather, its function is limited only to deciding specific cases....”



[Image attribution: From Lodge St. Andrew #518 at <http://www.standrew518.co.uk/mas.php>.]



## MW Mr. Chief Justice Earl Warren, PGM

**E**ditor's Note: The following is excerpted from a long but very interesting essay entitled "Sir Knight Earl Warren: From Golden State Grand Master to Governor and Chief Justice" by Sir Knight Dr. Ivan M. Tribe, at <http://www.knightstemplar.org/KnightTemplar/articles/20100225.htm>. The image above is from the same page. The essay follows:

"Earl Warren was born in Los Angeles on March 19, 1891.... [and later moved to Bakersfield with his parents.] [¶] [He attended the] University of California at Berkeley. Upon receiving his B. A. in 1912, he entered law school from which he graduated in 1914....

"... [H]e took his blue lodge degrees in Sequoyah Lodge No. 349. Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on November 1, 1919, Warren joined the Scottish Rite in Oakland that same December. He held offices in Sequoyah from 1922 and served as Master in 1928. As a Noble of Aahmes Shrine Temple in Oakland, he would serve as Potentate in 1933. However, his most notable fraternal service came later....

"[Warren served 12 years as a prosecuting attorney in California.] Meanwhile Earl Warren's Masonic career continued unabated. Between 1928 and 1933, he served on a variety of Grand Lodge committees. Elected Senior Grand

Warden in 1933, he moved up to Deputy Grand Master in 1934 and thence to Grand Master in 1935.... Taking note of the rise of totalitarian governments abroad in Italy, Germany, Russia, and Japan, as part of his annual message, Warren noted prophetically:

"They rarely call these autocracies by the same name but... they are the same thing in that they are the opposite of free government and human liberty becomes dead. When free government dies, Masonry dies with it, and in all of these countries today, their lodge rooms are dark, their property has been confiscated, our brethren are persecuted for their beliefs, and all men are denied the freedom of speech, of assemblage, of the press, and of religion-these rights, which to Americans . . . are the very essence of life itself. In all of these countries we now find war or frantic preparations for war . . . and as such to plant the heel of ruthless government upon the chests of their weaker neighbors. . . . Let us love it and cherish [our freedom] as we do few other things and let us pledge... Masonry to its principles as strongly as did our brethren who did so much to bring [the USA] into being.'

"With his term as Grand Master drawing to a close, Warren continued to be an active Mason. At some point, he joined Oakland Chapter No. 36, Royal Arch Masons; Oakland Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar; and St. Phillip Conclave No. 23, Red Cross of Constantine. In 1938 he served as Master of Rose Croix and in 1945 after he had become governor of the Golden State as presiding officer of the Lodge of Perfection. By that time, he had already been coroneted with the 33rd degree A. & A.S.R., S.J. on December 23, 1941.

"Meanwhile in 1938, Brother Warren sought and won election as California Attorney General.... [¶] In 1942, Brother Earl Warren [ran for Governor of California and] ... would go on to be elected Governor three times serving over ten years in the office....

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“[After Eisenhower won the presidency, Eisenhower] promised Warren ‘the first vacancy on the Supreme Court.’ When Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson (of Apperson Lodge No. 195 in Louisa, KY) died on September 8, 1953, the President chose Warren within days as an interim appointment. He then won Senate confirmation on March 1, 1954....

“The era of what became known as ‘the Warren Court’ (1953-1969) were years of rapid social and economic change in American society. The [*Brown v. Board of Education*] case turned out to be the first of many decisions that carried more than a spark of controversy. Several of these involved providing increased protection for the rights of the accused. For instance *Mapp v. Ohio* (1961) threw out evidence obtained without a warrant, *Gideon v. Wainwright* (1963) required courts to appoint defense attorneys for accused felons who could not afford lawyers, and *Miranda v. Arizona* (1966) forced police to inform persons being arrested of their rights....

“Other decisions also led to sweeping changes in society. *Engel v. Vitale* (1962) banned state sanctioned school prayer. *Loving v. Virginia* (1967) struck down a law that forbid inter-racial marriages. *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965) struck down state laws that banned use of birth control devices or pills that created precedent for several later cases based on "a right to privacy." In *Baker v. Carr* (1962) and *Reynolds v. Sims* (1964) the Court first declared that state legislative districts not based strictly on population were unconstitutional and in the second mandated the "one man one vote principle." Sir Knight Warren himself considered *Baker v. Carr* his most significant case.

“With advancing age, Brother Warren chose to retire from the Supreme Court in June 1969. After leaving the Court he lectured, gave public speeches, and wrote his memoirs. He passed to "the celestial lodge above" on July 9, 1974. His widow lived a full century dying in 1993.”

### Masonic Recognition

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

Steven A. Wolvek (2017-2018)  
Rogelio L. Soriano (2019)

#### Past Masters by Affiliation

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

#### Hiram Award\*

Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr., PM (2013)  
Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., PM (2016)  
Keith S. Cotton (2017)  
Bruce L. Ewald, PM (2011)  
Bruce L. Hawley, PM (2000)\*\*  
David I. Karp (2020)  
John T. Seletos (2017)  
Thomas K. Sheehan (2014)  
Rogelio L. Soriano, PM (2018)  
Steven A. Wolvek, PM (2019)

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

\*\* Deceased.





## Grand Master's Proclamation

**J**ULY 2021 IS SUPPORT OUR  
VETERANS MONTH

Embracing the Next Evolution

Whereas California is home to some 1.56 million veterans of military service, most of any state in the nation; and

Whereas veterans face increased challenges upon returning to civilian life, including heightened rates of physical and emotional health problems, homelessness, and substance abuse; and

Whereas California Masons recognize the service and sacrifice that veterans of our military have made for our country;

As grand master I therefore proclaim July 2021 is Support Our Veterans Month.

As California Masons, we honor those who have served our country as members of our military during both peace and wartime. This month, during which we celebrate our nation's independence, I call on our Masonic lodges to recognize the veterans in their communities and to salute them through volunteerism, donations, or lodge events. Thank you to our veterans for your service to the country.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Grand Master Arthur H. Weiss

Attest:

Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou

## From Facebook, on Masonic Justice

**E**ditor's note: The following is quoted from an entry dated August 30, 2017 in "Masonic Memes" [author unknown] on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/masonic.memes/posts/2070518822973649> .

### JUSTICE

We are taught that justice is "that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render to every man his just due without distinction". We shouldn't take things that we're not entitled to, and we should give to others what is rightly theirs. For example, give credit where credit is due don't take credit for something you didn't do, for that is the act of denying justice. As Freemasons, we must never deny justice.

Not only does justice imply a strict interpretation of divine law, but it also reflects the greater good of mankind. For the Freemason justice symbolizes equality. We should govern our actions, be openly judged by others and never lead them into deception. We should do things not because we have to, but because we want to and adopt a selfless attitude.

We must do what is right, fair, appropriate, and deserved all without prejudice. To give someone another's due simply because we favor them more is unjust. We also need to remember to always settle our debts. To give something that is deserved, not just in the material sense but also in a moral sense. Equity, honor and fairness should be constantly practiced when dealing with others. It's easy to look for weaknesses and flaws in others, but rather we should look for the good in everyone and believe that they are honest and sincere in their actions. Justice is balanced, it is not critical nor does it detest evil so much as to disregard man. We should be upright in everything and deal with others in a just manner.

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As Freemasons, we've all been charged to be upright and act justly towards ourselves, our brethren, and the world thereby showing others that we and our Fraternity are honorable. Not only that, but justice will also bring about truth and peace inner peace, [community] peace, and peace on a much larger scale as well. We need to remember to live by our Masonic obligations and morals in all things, and allow them to guide us within and [without] the lodge.

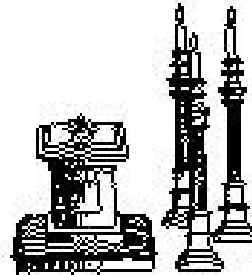
It's also important to note that we cannot make sound judgments based on loose information. If justice is truly to prevail, then the truth needs to be brought to light in an appropriate manner. You can't really make an informed decision about any issue when you only hear one half of the story. As Freemasons, it's extremely vital that we listen to and understand each other, educating ourselves before reaching a consensus instead of surrounding ourselves only with opinions that we agree with. Truths and solutions always lie somewhere in between two opposing sides.

... We have to remember that there's a difference between doing what is right and doing what we would prefer to be done. When in deadlock, it's better to concentrate on what is agreed upon rather than arguing over different opinions in order to move forward. It's really not all that hard as long as we use some common sense to do what is right and do no harm. If something is questionable, whether it is lawful or not it's better to simply just not do it. As Freemasons we are charged to always do right. Our ceremonies and rituals teach several virtues to the candidate who[m] we believe to have basic moral character and whose heart is open to the reception of those lessons.

Knowing right from wrong and having common sense is [as] naturally inherent in people as [it is in the] divine law that was given to us from the Deity. Freemasonry helps us to understand and put into practice its lessons and precepts. Using common sense and doing what is right should be our constant rule and guide when

exercising judgement [*sic*]. In this way we can set good examples for our brothers and inspire them to practice justice as well.

Remember that we are charged to "neither aggravate nor palliate the offenses of our brethren" and to "judge with candour, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy."



## Save the Date – 9/18/2021 – Lodge Open House

**W**or. Celso Cardano has determined that September 18, 2021, will be the date for our Open House / Information Meeting this year. The event will be held in-person at the Lodge.

Unfortunately, there does not appear to be a Grand Lodge effort on social media this year, as in 2019, which helped us to attract 19 prospective members, many of whom asked for petitions to join the lodge at that time, and some of whom are now Brothers.

As we are on our own this year to promote the open house event, we will need to rely on social media again plus the efforts of each Brother.

Accordingly, our Lodge has created a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/masonicopenhouse> .

Postings to that page have begun even though the event is several weeks away. More will be posted there, and hopefully elsewhere, as we get closer to the date.

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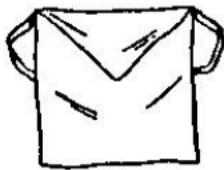
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It is important that each member of our Lodge "like" the above page, so that, when posts are placed there, each member will see and be able to share those posts on his own page.

It will take the effort of all of us to publicize the open house event. Sharing posts from the above page, or creating your own, will give us better coverage to a wider audience.

This is a group effort, so do your best to help out. As in *Field of Dreams*, "if you post it, they will come."

Fraternally,  
Bro. David I. Karp  
Open House Co-Chair



## Member News

Bro. Keith Cotton's former spouse, Alina, passed away recently. Please keep Bro. Keith and his family in your thoughts during this time of loss and may her memory be for a blessing. Bro. Keith is also facing some health issues and we wish him well.

Bro. David Karp's grandson was born on May 29, 2021. Coincidentally 5/29/21 was also Bro. David's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being raised a Master Mason. Just think, in or after 2039, Bro. David's grandson can petition our Lodge for the degrees if he so chooses.

Some of the children of several Brothers graduated in June from their schools or grades. Congratulations to all of them and their families.

In June, Bro. Jhonny Lebrilla and family vacationed in San Francisco. We hope this was a great experience for all.



## More from the Grand Master on Reopening after June 15, 2021

Reopening Directive II June 2, 2021  
Dear Brethren,

I issued a Reopening Directive on April 14, 2021, which allowed Masonic lodges to resume holding in-person meetings and events, as long as those meetings and events met the requirements imposed by the California Department of Public Health and local health departments.

It is my pleasure to report that the California Department of Public Health intends on June 15, 2021 to lift all of its restrictions imposed upon meetings and events, except for events that exceed 5,000 people.

Accordingly, **effective June 15, 2021:**

Masonic Lodges, Masonic Organizations, and Youth Orders may conduct in-person meetings and events in compliance with county and city restrictions, if any. (After June 15, individual counties and cities could choose to continue their own meeting limitations, in which case those limitations would continue in force.)

Attendees at Masonic meetings and events must comply with any state or county guidance relating to face coverings in effect at the time of the meeting/event.

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Lodges no longer need to provide a Site Prevention Plan, unless required by the county.

Members are not required to show proof of a negative COVID test or vaccination card to attend in-person meetings, unless required by the county.

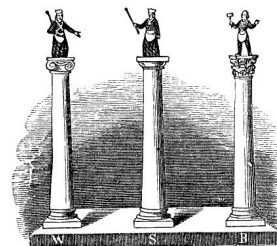
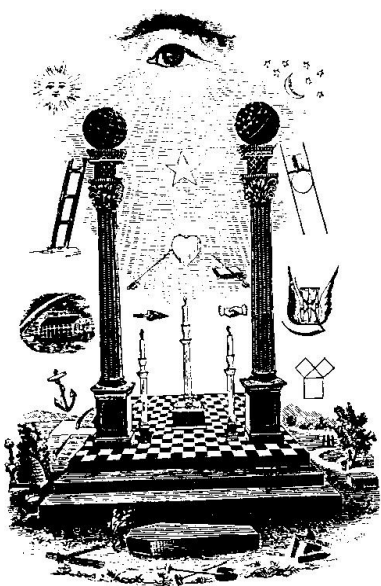
Until further direction from me, lodges may continue, at their discretion, to hold virtual stated meetings consistent with my October 2020 Directive on Virtual Stated Meetings.

Today's Directive supersedes my October 2020 Directive on Masonic-Sponsored Meetings and Events During COVID-19 and my April 14th Directive.

It is now time to take advantage of our new opportunities. I look forward to the unfettered return to in-person meetings and the renewed and vigorous practice of Masonry in California.

My directive has no force or effect after my term as grand master ends.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
Arthur Weiss  
Grand Master  
Masons of California



## From the East

Brethren,  
Happy Independence Day and welcome back to the lodge as we have now had our first in-person meeting in 15-months (since the shutdown of the Lodges due to the worldwide pandemic of Covid-19). It was great to see the brothers in person and I would like to thank all of you for having the courage to help bring our lodge back to normal. It definitely will take some time getting used to, and, as we start to have more practices and degrees in July we will proceed to do it as safely as possible and following the Grand Lodges safety guidelines.

In July we plan to have a 1st Degree for our newly elected candidates, Mr. Elvis Alvarez and Mr. Gerald Alvarez. We also plan to have a 2nd Degree for Bro Noly Sanchez. These degrees will take place on Saturday, July 17th and Saturday, July 24th, depending on practice and our Inspector's approval. If you are available, please attend these degrees.

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

## From the West

Brethren,  
 First of all, a belated Happy Father's Day to all who are and have fathers. As this pandemic is slowly coming to an end and everything is going well, I am hopeful that can have regular meetings and advancements.

"Brotherly love is not a tangible commodity. We cannot touch it or weigh it, smell it or taste it. Yet it is a reality; it can be creative, it can be fostered, it can be made a dynamic power. The Master who has it in his Lodge and his brethren will find that Lodge and brethren give it back to him. The Master too worried over the cares of his office to express friendliness need never wonder why his Lodge seems too cold to his effort."  
 Carl Harry Claudy (January 13, 1879 – May 27, 1957).

Fraternally,  
 Bro. Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan,  
 Senior Warden

## From the South

Brethren,  
 Our lodge is in the second quarter of operation for this year and we all know that we have a lot to do to project and progress this year. I encourage all members of our lodge to attend our monthly stated meeting especially all elected and appointed officers of our lodge. Always remember your obligation and the lecture of your degree brothers.

On the subject of Justice:

"Americans disagree about what our government should do if anything given the unequal outcomes that naturally occur in a free society. Thankfully, the Founders crafted a political system we can use to work out our disagreements. What we should avoid, meanwhile, is taking for granted that we will always enjoy the equality our Founders promoted. We each depend on our government to protect our rights equally, but we have to

remember that this depends, in turn, on citizens upholding that ideal." [From an essay entitled *Justice for All* posted on the website of the Bill of Rights Institute at <https://billofrightsinstitute.org/essays/justice-for-all> ]

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

## From Our Treasurer

Brethren,  
 As you may know from last month's announcement (which I am re-stating), I have experienced medical challenges recently. Because of this, I have decided not to continue as Lodge treasurer beyond the end of this year. Please consider selecting a new Lodge treasurer for the ensuing Masonic year. I will always be available to offer assistance to you.

Fraternally,  
 Bro. Barry Mann, Treasurer

"Martin Luther King, Jr. famously stated: 'the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice.' In these words, Dr. King riffed on a message delivered by American Transcendentalist Theodore Parker: that the 'moral universe' bends toward justice." See, web page of Arc of Justice Institute at the University of Richmond School of Arts and Sciences at <https://as.richmond.edu/about-school/programs/conscience/arc-of-justice/index.html>



## From our Secretary

Brethren,  
Justice is one of the four cardinal virtues, the practice of which is taught in the first degree. A Mason, who has been charged to preserve an upright position in all his dealings with others, should never fail to act justly. Justice is symbolized as a leader with closed eyes, holding in one hand a sword and in the other a pair of scales at equilibrium. But in Masonry, the true symbol of Justice, is the feet firmly planted on the ground, and the body upright. See, Stewart, Greg. *Cardinal Virtues of Freemasonry, supra*, on p. 3.

Plato summarizes Justice as, "being concerned however, not with the outward man, but with the inward, which is the true self and concernment of man... [where he is] at peace with himself ... [and] has [embodied] one entirely temperate and perfectly adjusted nature. [He then] proceeds to act, if he has to act, whether in a matter of property, or in the treatment of the body, or in some affair of politics or private business, always thinking and calling that which preserves and co-operates with this harmonious condition, just and good action, and ... that which at any time impairs this condition, he will call unjust action..." See, e.g., <http://www.literaturepage.com/read/therepublic-170.html> .

We are taught that justice is "that standard or boundary of right which enables us to render to every man his just due without distinction". For example, give credit where credit is due. We must do what is right, fair, appropriate, and

deserved all without prejudice. To give someone another's due simply because we favor him more is unjust.

As Freemasons, we must never deny justice. Not only does justice imply a strict interpretation of divine law, but it also reflects the greater good of mankind. For the Freemason justice symbolizes equality. Justice must always dictate fairness, honesty, morality, and neutrality in the treatment of all of mankind, more especially a Brother Mason. The exercise of this virtue incites us to act toward others in a manner that we wish they would act toward us.

Finally, with a nod to the unknown author quoted, *supra* on pp. 7-8, remember that we are charged to "neither aggravate nor palliate the offenses of our brethren" and to "judge with candor, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy."

Fraternally,  
Bro. Akram Alawar  
Secretary



### MASONIC LODGE INFORMATION MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021  
9:30 A.M. Doors Open - 10:00 A.M. Presentation

Van Nuys Masonic Center, Upstairs Lodge Room  
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91405 (East of Kester Ave.)

Learn about Freemasonry and the rewards of belonging to a Masonic Lodge. There is no charge to attend this session. RSVPs preferred but not required. Business attire preferred. For more info, or to RSVP, contact Celso Cardano, Master of the Lodge<sup>1</sup>, at [celsocardano@gmail.com](mailto:celsocardano@gmail.com) or David I. Karp, Event Co-Chair, either at 818-515-9361 or [davidikarp@karpmediation.com](mailto:davidikarp@karpmediation.com).

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<sup>1</sup> Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 is a relatively new lodge with an old name, named in memory of a prominent businessman, community leader and Mason in early 20<sup>th</sup> century Los Angeles and a Captain in the US Army who fought and died in France in WWI. The lodge is very diverse by age, by cultural and religious background, by language and occupation, by personal interest, education and experience. We meet on the first and third Saturday of every month at 10 A.M.