

In The



Daylight

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A Beacon of Light!

Foreword . . .

Having learned the new theme for this year from Wor. Celso Cardano, Master of our lodge, I challenged myself to parse its meaning: **“Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge #866: A Beacon of Light.”** Follow along and you may see it as I do.

“Light [represents] spiritual[ity] and the divine, it is illumination and intelligence. Light is the source of goodness.... Light is knowledge. Purity and morality are connected terms as well....”

<http://umich.edu/~umfandsf/symbolismproject/symbolism.html/L/light.html>.

A Beacon is “a source of light or inspiration.”

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/beacon>.

If (a) the Lodge is a source of inspiration, and (b) Light includes goodness, purity and morality, then (c) Wor. Celso’s theme is a reminder to be an example for others by practicing out of the Lodge those great moral duties which are inculcated in it, by conducting ourselves with due order and propriety everywhere, and ultimately, by supporting with dignity the respectable character of a Mason.

Ultimately, Wor. Celso’s theme is about character. Per J.C. Watts, an American politician: “Character is doing the right thing when nobody is looking.”

https://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/j_c_watts_106082. I see that as an internal view.

Here is an external view. A Second Century Talmudic scholar wrote: “A person manifests his character in three ways: by his cup [how he handles liquor], his purse [how he conducts business], and his anger [how he controls himself].” Attributed to Rabbi Illa’i, in tractate *Eruvin* (65b). Some rabbis add a fourth quality: “By his laughter.”¹

For us, then, being a Beacon of Light means putting our Masonic character into plain view governing ourselves by the social and moral virtues of Masonry; showing such conduct to the world; promoting a good life; etc.

Wor. Celso’s theme asks us to teach others to judge people by the content of their character, not by the color of their skin, their family origin, religious belief, language, culture, creed, politics, lifestyle, etc.; to inspire people to act kindly toward one another; in other words, to lead by example, showing others how best to work and best agree.

As you mull over being a Beacon of Light, please find below, in addition to the usual inclusions, articles about the following Beacons

Bros. James Watt, Alexander Fleming, Bruce Hawley & the California Voter Bill of Rights.

Fraternally,
David I. Karp, Editor

March Trestle board is on p. 2 of this edition.

¹Kolatch, Alfred J. *Great Jewish Quotations*. New York: Jonathan David Publishers, Inc., 1996, at p. 221.

Brother James Watt, a Beacon of Science and Engineering

The following comes from <https://eb1870.org/project/james-watt/> without further citation.

Brother James Watt (1736 - 1819) was a member of The Royal Arch Lodge in Glasgow, Scotland, and a Scottish inventor, mechanical engineer, and chemist who improved on Thomas Newcomen's 1712 Newcomen steam engine with his Watt steam engine in 1781, which was fundamental to the changes brought by the Industrial Revolution in both his native Great Britain and the rest of the world.

While working as an instrument maker at the University of Glasgow, Watt became interested in the technology of steam engines. He realized that contemporary engine designs wasted a great deal of energy by repeatedly cooling and reheating the cylinder. Watt introduced a design enhancement, the separate condenser, which avoided this waste of energy and radically improved the power, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of steam engines. Eventually he adapted his engine to produce rotary motion, greatly broadening its use beyond pumping water.

Watt attempted to commercialize his invention, but experienced great financial difficulties until he entered a partnership with Matthew Boulton in 1775. The new firm of Boulton and Watt was eventually highly successful and Watt became a wealthy man. In his retirement, Watt continued to develop new inventions though none was as significant as his steam engine work. He died in 1819 aged 83.

He developed the concept of horsepower, and the SI unit of power, the watt, was named after him.



March Trestle Board

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

- March 7 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual) - Recognize Rainbow Girls
- March 12 CFS Second Thurs. Fellowship @ Lulu's 5:30PM
- March 15 Grand Master's Bkfst, 7:30AM
- March 21 Second Degrees
- March 24 OSI @ VN Masonic Center, 7:30pm (CFS hosts 2nd Degree)

Looking Ahead into April

- April 4 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual), Teacher recognition
- April 9 CFS Second Thurs. Fellowship @ Lulu's 5:30PM
- April 18 Degree TBD (Dress Formal)
- April 24-26 Master/Wardens Retreat
- April 26 - Shriners 5K/10K

Late Feb. Add-Ons

- Feb 22 Memorial Service for WB Bruce Hawley
- Feb 29 First Degrees, two candidates



In Memoriam: WB Bruce L. Hawley, PM, (1945-2020), Master Mason for 42 years, called from labor to the Celestial Lodge above. See next page. [Image attribution: Grand Lodge of Maryland.]

In Memory of WB Bruce Hawley, Our Own Beacon of Light

Worshipful Brother Bruce Hawley, of Blessed Memory, laid down his working tools and entered the Celestial Lodge on January 24, 2020, having actively participated in several Masonic Lodges over 42 years, lately Old West 813 and our own. His wife, Marjorie, predeceased him in 2009.

Wor. Bruce was initiated on 5/12/1977, passed on 7/27/1977, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on 10/27/1977.

He had been devoted to Freemasonry ever since, accepting various roles over time, even as Master of his Lodge. He was awarded the Hiram Award in 2000.

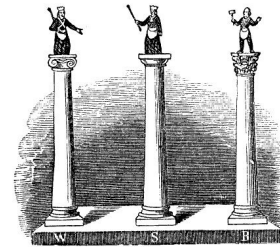
For Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge, Wor. Bruce was instrumental at its beginning and, when this writer met him, he was the Lodge's Officers' Coach. As the idiom goes, he had a mind like a steel trap, meaning he had an astonishing memory and a quick mind like the quick snap of a steel trap.

A kind and gentle soul, Wor. Bruce was humble in his manner, pleasant in his demeanor, and agreeable above all. He was very proud of his service to law enforcement and the public during his working years.

Later, his kindness extended, by example, to allowing his Brethren to look after him, transporting him by car, fetching him some water when necessary and even helping him with a plate of food at lunch. He rarely missed a meeting, and was usually seen actually saluting the American flag, as a Veteran would, during the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

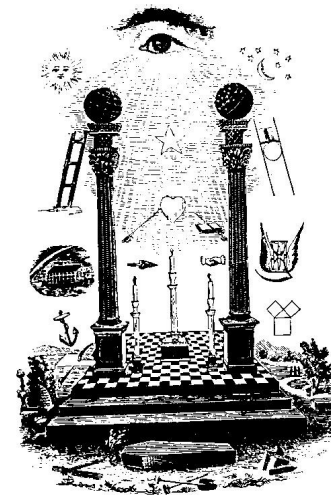
Wor. Bruce will be missed by his family, his Masonic Brothers and all who knew him. May his memory be a blessing for his family and for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,
David I. Karp, Editor



Editor's Note re Formatting

Brethren,
The wisdom, strength and beauty of those newsy articles from some or all of our three Pillars, Treasurer, and Secretary, previously seen in this space when available, henceforth will be included when available closer to the end of the newsletter. They are no less important because of their relocation. However, the rearrangement of the newsletter will allow this editor to prepare and format most of it earlier in the month when time permits. The newsletter is a small work of devotion to our Lodge and the Craft, and a pleasure to produce, but it actually takes many hours and days through the month to research, write, assemble, and finalize to assure quality. The rearrangement will lessen some of the time pressure preceding publication when certain elements are not yet in hand. Thank you for understanding. DIK.



Upcoming Lodge Events

Here are some of our upcoming Lodge events other than our regularly scheduled meetings:

February 22, 2020 1PM, Masonic Memorial Service for WB Bruce Hawley at Old West Lodge No. 813, 19310 Ave. of the Oaks, Santa Clarita, CA 91321]

March 12, 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.

March 15, 2020 Grand Master's Bkfst.

March 24, 2020 OSI @ Van Nuys Masonic Center Main Lodge room, 7:30PM.

April 9, 2020 CFS Second Thurs. Fellowship @ Lulu's 5:30PM [This is the first day of Passover which is a conflict for some.]

April 26, 2020 Shriners for Children Medical Center Walk and Run 2 Heal Kids 5k 10k

Member News

March Birthdays: Archimedes S. Cabanig; Demetrio C. Cahapisan; Joselito A. Coronel; Hamood Y. Hamood, David I Karp; Sergio D. Lopez. Happy Birthday!!

Third Degree Anniversaries: William C. Raddatz. Congratulations!



Grand Master's Proclamation

M2020 IS YOUTH ORDERS MONTH

California Masonry: Rooted in the Gold Country, Forged in Ideals

Whereas the young men and women who participate in DeMolay International, Job's Daughters International, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls embody the Masonic values that undergird our fraternity; and

Whereas members of Masonic youth orders represent future generations of the fraternity, becoming leaders and partners of Masonic lodges and improving their communities through a commitment to respect, integrity, and compassion; and

Whereas Masons are in a unique position to positively affect the lives of these members of the Masonic youth orders by providing mentorship, guidance, and support; and

Whereas California Masons have an obligation to improving the lives of those in their communities;

As grand master, I **therefore proclaim** March 2020 to be Youth Orders Month in California.

I urge all California Masons to reflect on how their lodge can provide meaningful support for the Masonic youth orders in their community and across the state. Consider organizing a joint service project, establishing a mentorship program, or sponsoring a Masonic youth fundraising program. These programs provide young men and women around the world with important leadership skills, instill confidence, and teach the values of respect, integrity, and compassion that Masons hold dear. This month, show our youth that Masons do indeed live by those values. Visit Masons4Youth.org for more information on ways to support Masonic youth.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John E. Trauner, Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou, Grand Secretary

Brother Alexander Fleming, A Beacon of Science and Medicine

The following is gleaned from <https://eb1870.org/project/alexander-fleming/> without further reference:

Brother Alexander Fleming was a Member of Sancta Maria Lodge No. 2682, London, England, and Misericordi Lodge No. 3286, London, England. He served as Junior Grand Warden, United Grand Lodge of England: 1942 and was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Citation of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Bro. Fleming was a Scottish biologist, pharmacologist and botanist. His best-known discoveries are the enzyme lysozyme in 1923 and the antibiotic substance benzyl-penicillin (Penicillin G) from the mold *Penicillium notatum* in 1928, for which he shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1945 with Howard Florey and Ernst Boris Chain. He wrote many articles on bacteriology, immunology, and chemotherapy.

He was a Beacon of Light in Science and Medicine.



CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2020

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

Senior Warden Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan

Junior Warden Elect
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 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 Roger L. Soriano, PM

Inspector Leland H. Celestre, PM

Your California Voter Bill of Rights

Masons are taught that, as citizens, we are to be exemplary in the discharge of our civil duties, of which voting is one. With the California election taking place in March, here is a recitation of the California Voter Bill of Rights. The following material is taken from the website of the California Secretary of State, Elections Division, at <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/voter-bill-rights>

You have the following rights:

The right to vote if you are a registered voter. You are eligible to vote if you are: a U.S. citizen living in California; at least 18 years old; registered where you currently live; not currently in state or federal prison or on parole for the conviction of a felony; not currently found mentally incompetent to vote by a court.

The right to vote if you are a registered voter even if your name is not on the list. You will vote using a provisional ballot. Your vote will be counted if elections officials determine that you are eligible to vote.

The right to vote if you are still in line when the polls close.

The right to cast a secret ballot without anyone bothering you or telling you how to vote.

The right to get a new ballot if you have made a mistake, if you have not already cast your ballot. You can: Ask an elections official at a polling place for a new ballot, Exchange your vote-by-mail ballot for a new one at an elections office, or at your polling place, or Vote using a provisional ballot.

The right to get help casting your ballot from anyone you choose, except from your employer or union representative.

The right to drop off your completed vote-by-mail ballot at any polling place in California.

The right to get election materials in a language other than English if enough people in your voting precinct speak that language.

The right to ask questions to elections officials about election procedures and watch the election process. If the person you ask cannot answer your questions, they must send you to the right person for an answer. If you are disruptive, they can stop answering you.

The right to report any illegal or fraudulent election activity to an elections official or the Secretary of State's office.

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)**
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.

** Deceased.

From the East

Brethren,
We had an active month in February. Our Grand Master, John E. Trauner, proclaimed that February is “Masonic Widow’s Month.” Consequently, our lodge reached out to our Widows on Valentine’s Day and delivered flowers to them as a small token of appreciation and to reassure them that we are here for them if they need any assistance.

February included a Memorial Service for WB Bruce Hawley at Old West Lodge. He was a charter member and was instrumental in re-establishing the Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge #866. He was always a pillar and mentor upon whom the Lodge could always rely. He was a walking cipher and knew the ritual front and back, by heart, and was our Officers’ Coach helping us become more proficient in our ritual. He was a Mason’s Mason, and he will be truly missed.

For our new Entered Apprentices in February, Donald Graham and Michael McQuaig, congratulations and welcome to the Craft! The lodge is excited to be working with you in your upcoming degrees and we look forward to helping to guide and enlighten your Masonic journey.

In March, which is proclaimed as “Masonic Youth Month” [see p. 4], we will reach out to our Masonic Youth Orders. We will also attend the Grand Master’s Breakfast (March 15 @ 7:30am). Tickets are available at \$30. This is the largest gathering of Masons in California, outside of our Annual Communications in October.

We will continue strongly with our degree work as we will have our Second Degree conferrals (March 21) for Brothers Raed Malaeb, Nolando Sanchez and Larry Alderson. We will also host the Officers School of Instructions (March 24) where we will exemplify the 2nd Degree conferral.

Upon the Square,
Wor. Celso Cardano, Master

From the West

Brethren,
In a Lodge, we refer to the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden, as the three great pillars which support the Lodge. At our February Stated Meeting, our Worshipful Master introduced a list of Lodge committees that are also supportive of our work as Freemasons. One committee in which I am involved is the New Membership Development Committee. Another is Masonic Education. There are others and the Pillars would greatly appreciate your additional support on one or more of our committees. Ask any of us about volunteer opportunities. As the English writer, John Heywood, said: “Many hands make light work.”

On the Level,
Bro. Edgar Yeghiazaryan
Senior Warden



Remember: Stated Meeting lunches are \$10 per meal if paid on the date. Alternatively, you can pay \$70 for a year’s worth of lunches. Our lunches after Degree meetings are usually hosted by the Degree recipients themselves (thank you), unless otherwise arranged.

From the South

Brethren,
On February 20, I attended a meeting, with others, called the Officers School of Instruction (OSI). It is helpful to sharpen the skills in conducting our ritual ceremonies. Officers from our Lodge attend along with those from Van Nuys Lodge 450, Reseda Lodge 666 and Home Lodge 721. It is also an opportunity for fellowship. The February OSI was hosted by Reseda Lodge and exemplified the First Degree. In March it is our turn to be the host and we will focus on the Second Degree. We are also responsible for pre-meeting refreshments. Our Inspector, WB Leland Celestre, oversees the OSI programs. They take place at the Van Nuys Masonic Center where we meet, but in the main lodge room downstairs. The March meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2020, starting at 7:30PM.

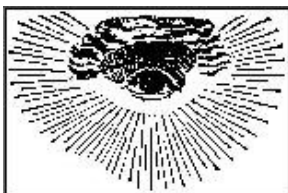
Brothers, we practice our ritual so our degree ceremonies will be as nearly perfect as possible, which is why we attend these OSIs.

More importantly, the values and lessons taught by our rituals should not only be seen and heard during our degrees but thereafter should always be kept close to our hearts, ever remembering our solemn obligations.

Most importantly though, attending our degree meetings and revisiting those obligations help to reinforce the commitments we have made to our Lodge, to each other, and to ourselves.

I look forward to seeing you at our degree meetings.

By the Plumb
Bro. Fernando ("Jhonny") Lebrilla,
Junior Warden



From our Treasurer

Brethren,
[Reprised from last month. Ed.]
Annual dues for 2020 are \$153.00. If not already paid, please plan on bringing your check to our next 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,
Now that the Installation of Officers is behind us, we need to become like a beehive and start working. We have two applicants for initiation in February. We have an EA that has committed himself to finish his degrees within the next two to three months. Our newly installed Worshipful Master has an agenda that is full of activities and to achieve all that he envisions we need your participation. We need reach out to all our EAs that fell behind and encourage them to continue their Masonic journey. We need to participate in community events as Masons so we can draw attention to our Lodge and Fraternity.

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

Fraternally,
Bro. Akram Alawar,
Secretary

