

In The



Daylight

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Tra la! It's May!*

Foreword . . .

✻ "Tra la! It's May!" So begins the song,
Lusty Month of May, sung by

Guenevere in the musical, *Camelot*, by Lerner and Loewe, neither of whom apparently were Masons . The play is based upon the Arthurian legend as told through T.H. White's marvelous novel, *The Once and Future King*.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camelot_\(musical\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camelot_(musical))

The song casually reminds us Freemasons why we are taught to "circumscribe our desires and keep our passions in due bounds" and so forth. For the song begins like this: "Tra la! It's May! / The lusty month of May! / That lovely month when ev'ryone goes / Blissfully astray." <https://www.allmusicals.com/lyrics/camelot/lustymonthofmay.htm>

On the other hand, this May edition of our newsletter does not lead us too far astray. In it please find (not necessarily in this order) :

A reprise of important information about upcoming events, including the Shriners' Run and Lodge Picnic occurring just after publication in April, plus our golf tournament and Father's Day Degree on consecutive days in June;

An article about Memorial Day;

A piece about What Happened in May (1863);

Some information about "Save Your Hearing Day" celebrated on May 31, and related issues;

In Memoriam for Bro. Russell Powell of blessed memory;

And the usual Officers' articles, Trestleboard, Member news, Upcoming Events, and so forth.

Happy Reading.

Fraternally,
David I. Karp, Editor

May Trestleboard

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

May 4 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)
Presentation on "Transferring Real Property, Then and Now"

May 18 Degree Meeting, TBD

May 25 - OSI (9:30 11:00AM)

Looking Ahead into June

June 1 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)

June 14 CFS Daylight Lodge's First Annual Golf Tournament (details on p. 5)

June 15 Father's Day Degree etc at the Covina Masonic Homes

June 28 OSI (9:30 11:00 AM)



Memorial Day Established by a Mason

According to internet research, Bro. John A. Logan is credited with the establishment of Memorial Day, formerly Decoration Day, on May 5th, 1868.

<http://freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com/2011/05/memorial-day.html> .

Bro. Logan was former Union Army general in the Civil War and later the Commander in Chief of the then newly formed “fraternal group, the Grand Army of the Republic. [Decoration Day] was first observed on May 30th of that year when flowers were placed on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.” *Ibid.*

“Brother Logan was raised as a Master Mason in Mitchell Lodge No. 85 in Pinckneyville, Illinois. He was a York Rite Mason and Templar in Chicago. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite there, and was elected to be coroneted a 33° in 1886, but died before it could be conferred.” *Ibid.*

“After [World War I], the celebrations were expanded to include all service personnel from any war. Memorial Day as we know it today was declared a National Holiday by Congress and signed by President Nixon in 1971. That same act is what moved the day of remembrance to the last Monday in May.”

<http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2014/05/memorial-day.html> .

Of course, Memorial Day is important to our Lodge, the lodge having been named after our late Brother, Captain Clarence Fairchild Smith, of blessed memory, who was killed in the fighting in the Argonne forest charge in France during World War I.

Although Memorial Day is now the unofficial start of summer and largely celebrated with outdoor barbeques and associated frivolity, we should pause to remember the solemnity of

the day, so elegantly conveyed by these words of President Lincoln, at Gettysburg:

“It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

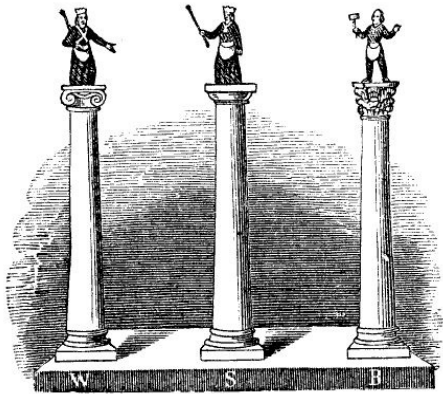
http://rnc.library.cornell.edu/gettysburg/good_cause/transcript.htm .

So mote it be.

Last Month’s Public Schools Presentation

Below please find a picture of Wor. Roger Soriano presenting a certificate of appreciation (and a gift card) to Ms. Hannah Sellers, Math Teacher/Math Department Chair at Birmingham Community Charter High School. How delightful for all.





From the East

Brethren,
Here we go again, our little lodge is slowly growing. We just added another member: Brother Steven Engstrom was initiated on April 20th. Thanks to the degree team who put on a great ritual. I am pleased to see everyone working together.

We now focus our attention on our upcoming events. First is our support for the Shriners 5k/10k run on April 28. This is going to be a great event to get our lodge recognized among the Shriners community as well as the community in general. More exposure, means more possible membership. We need to have all hands on deck to help. Please make an effort to join us that Sunday. Don't forget the lodge picnic there at the park immediately after.

We have other events on our calendar, namely: The Golf Tournament as well as the Father's Day Degree both in June. Please mark your calendars for those dates as well.

We have other proposed events like a Midnight Mission feeding to be co-chaired by Brothers Johnny and Rami, a gun range day, and a cigar/cognac/poker night both to be co-chaired by our brother Tiler, Bro Tony and Bro Ibrahim. I am really looking forward to those events. These are still to be determined.

Finally, I wanted to make sure that our lineup for next year will ascend. Please contact myself

or our brother Senior Warden. We need to make sure we progress in a timely manner.

Onwards Brethren.

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

From the West

Brethren,
This past April, the Master and Wardens attended the Grand Lodge Leadership Retreat to learn many valuable tools needed to help lead the lodge and help it grow in the next coming years. Some of the goals include: remaining aligned with the Grand Lodge 2020 plan while growing our lodge; and developing a "Members Prospect" plan, as we are a young lodge, to help bridge the gap for those seeking admission into our great fraternity and to help those who have already knocked to get familiar with the Craft and what is expected of them.

Having these plans in place we hope to grow our membership and to engage our members in their Masonic experience.

As we are now in the month of May, I encourage all Officers to start advancing into their new 2020 Officers positions. Our goal is to be fully qualified in our individual positions and as a Lodge by the November Officers elections.

We have much work ahead of us but I am confident that we will pull together and thrive in all aspects of our duties.

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



From the South

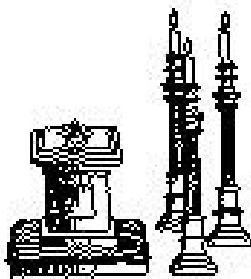
Brethren:
 We are often asked if we have anything to bring before the lodge about “Freemasonry in general or this lodge in particular.” I have both for you:

As for Freemasonry in general, here’s an answer to the question “why do we use ‘Wardens’ to designate the two officers so named in Freemasonry?” The answer is from the online “Masonic Dictionary.” See, <http://www.masonicdictionary.com/warden.html>

“‘Ward’ is of Medieval origin, having been used in early English, French, German, etc., always in the sense of to guard something, a meaning preserved in warden, guard, guardian, wary, ware, ward, etc. A warden is guardian of the west gate of the Temple, the Junior Warden of the south gate. - Source: 100 Words in Masonry.”

As for this lodge in particular: Please be sure to review all of the information below about the upcoming events, the Shriners’ Race/Lodge picnic, the golf tournament, and our Father’s Day degree at the Covina home. Please also attend these important opportunities to have fun and to spread the word of our great lodge!

Fraternally from the South,
 Bro. Roland Cortel
 Junior Warden



From our Secretary

Brethren,
 Our lodge has been growing at a healthy pace but we are behind on moving the EAs to next levels. We need to work harder with our Brethren EAs and help them to advance. Everyone please make the effort to reach out and encourage them to complete their studies and advance. Also we need our officers to qualify before October annual communication.

We still have few Brothers that have not paid their past and current dues. Brothers who have not paid yet will be a burden on our financial status because come end of June we have to pay per capita on everyone. 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

Sunday, **April 28, 2019** [Editor's note: This is being restated from last month as a courtesy because this newsletter publishes before May begins and because this is a big deal] CFS Daylight Lodge **Family Picnic and Shriners Walk/Run Event**. Woodley Park.

On the day of the race, we will need to be there at 6AM to get ready for the racers who start at 7:30am. The location of our lodge's water station is provided on a map at the end of this newsletter. Our lodge's picnic follows after the race. People only attending the picnic can come later, of course, maybe 11:30AM or so.

The following details are from Al Malaikah Shrine:

Schedule /Vendor Set-up Information

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019

Address: 6350 Woodley Ave Park (site 1)

Van Nuys 91406

Time: Booth Set up begins 6:00am Race day

Schedule:

7:00am Same day Registration opens

7:30am Expo Opens Opening Ceremonies

& Aerobic Warm Up

8:30am 10K starts

8:45am -5K starts

9:45am Awards Ceremony

10:15am Kids Fun Run

Tear Down Clean up begins: 11:00am

Here is some additional information:

Registration link:

<https://www.active.com/van-nuys-ca/running/distance-running-races/walk-and-run-2-heal-kids-5k-10k-2019>

Registrations options available:

1.) Save \$10 with Promo Code

GIVEHOPE10 or

2.) Receive an exercise kit valued at \$79 free with registration - use Promo Code BEFIT (get them before they are gone)

3.) If you can't make it - Be a "virtual runner" we will send you your medal. Register with Promo Code VIRTUAL

4.) Don't forget to sign the kids up for the

KIDS FUN RUN - they receive the same beautiful medal.

All participants will get an amazing swag bag - premium T-shirt and a beautiful medal!

Friday, June 14, 2019 CFS Daylight Lodge's First Annual **Golf Tournament** - Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge # 866 at Knollwood Country Club, 12040 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, ca 91344. \$95.00/player, proceeds benefit lodge programming including its commitment to support the Grand Lodge's "Write the Future" campaign. Registration 7AM-8AM. Tee time 8:30AM. Reception following at Knollwood. Contacts: Bros. Brigs Mandia (818-419-8366), Barry Mann (818-231-4856), Ramiel Malaban (661-755-8094), Roland Cortel, JW (818-203-5161). Make checks payable to the lodge and send them to Bro. Brigs Mandia, 769 Birchpark Circle No. 206, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. Hole Sponsorships: \$100. Other donations are welcome in whatever amount you can afford.

Saturday, June 15, 2019 **Fathers' Day Degree** at Covina Masonic Homes, 1650 E Old Badillo St, Covina, CA 91724. Details soon to be provided via social media and our app.

3rd Annual



Shriners for Children
Medical Center™

5k/10k
WALK & RUN 2 HEAL KIDS





- Official chip timing
- Custom 3" zinc alloy finisher medals
- Premium T-shirts
- Large Expo with giveaways
- Dogs on lease welcome

Sunday April 28, 2019
Woodley Park- Lake Balboa Van Nuys
10K 8:30am ~ 5K 8:45am ~ Kids Fun Run 10:15am
Register today! Proceeds benefit Shriners for Children Medical Center Pasadena Providing life changing care regardless of the families ability to pay





Member News

Birthdays: Steven Engstrom; John T. Seletos. Happy Birthday Brothers. Third Degree Anniversaries: Brothers Rami Alawar; Michael J. Chavez; David I. Karp; Barry Mann; Virgilio A. Maravillas, Sr.; Steven A. Wolvek, PM. Congratulations to all.

Wor. Roger Soriano announced at the April Stated Meeting the following special honors: Wor. Steven A Wolvek, PM, has been selected to be the 2019 Hiram Award recipient in our Lodge for which a presentation will be made on a date to be determined; and Wor. Celso V. Cardano, PM, has been named Mason of the Year in our Lodge for which a presentation will be made on July 13, 2019, at the Pasadena Scottish Rite along with others so honored. These are tremendous accomplishments, Brothers. Congratulations.

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: June 24th - Ice Cream Social / Game Night \$10; July 8th - Taco Night price TBD; Aug. 12th - Paint Night \$45. Contact Bro. Bill for further information if interested.

Congrats to Bro. Steven Engstrom on being initiated an Entered Apprentice, April 20.

In Memoriam – Bro. Russell Powell

Soft and safe to thee be thy resting place....

In April, we lost Bro. Russell Powell, may he rest in peace. Born on February 28, 1930, he was laid to rest on April 10, 2019 (A.L. 6019) with Masonic honors and many Masons in attendance. The Masonic Funeral service was led by Wor. Alberto Casanova, PM,

and Wor. Steven Wolvek, PM.

During his lifetime, Bro. Russell served in the Army in the Korean conflict and was the USAF Quality Assurance Manager at Hughes Aircraft in Canoga Park, CA. Bro. Russell loved music, movies and books. He was very involved in Masonry and in family life. Bro. Russell was married to Annette for 44 years and was widowed in 1994.

According to our Senior Warden, Wor. Celso Cardano, PM, "Brother Russell was an honorable man and a Mason with a great sense of humor. It was a joy talking with him at Shrine Club meetings and receiving his funny emails. He will be truly missed...."

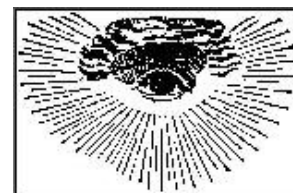
Bro. Russell was a member of the original Clarence F. Smith Lodge No. 482, where he received his degrees, as follows: EA, 11/18/1960; FC, 2/10/1961; MM, 4/26/1961. Later in life, Bro. Russell affiliated with Home Lodge No. 721. Had he lived just a little longer, he would have been a Master Mason for 58 years.

Bro. Russell, 89, led a three-generation family line of Master Masons. We have seen his progeny in our own lodge room, both son and grandson.

Bro. Russell's son, Bro. Mike Powell, was with us in lodge at the April Stated Meeting. Bro. Mike is a member of Southern California Lodge No. 529 and Desert Daylight Lodge (UD).

Bro. Russell's grandson, Bro. David Powell, has been with us a number of times. Bro. David is a member of Granada Hills Lodge No. 378 and Desert Daylight Lodge (UD) as well.

We send the family of Bro. Russell our sincerest condolences. May his soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life.



So What Happened in May (1863)?

An incident near Vicksburg, Mississippi, May 1863 (as told years later by Frank Brame):

“In the early hours of the morning before daybreak I was suddenly awakened from the sound slumber of a healthy child by cursing and screams, and found the room in which my mother and I were sleeping, full of Federal soldiers. Mattresses had been piled in the hallway and set on fire.

“My mother was sitting erect in her bed with the counterpane pulled around her, and as I looked at her from my trundle bed I could see that she was greatly frightened, while I was simply frozen with horror, for I firmly believed we would all be killed by the soldiers. There were some fifteen or twenty soldiers in our house, and they were smashing the furniture with their carbines.

“A soldier had found a small package in a bureau drawer. On opening it he looked at it for a moment, and then ran over to my mother’s bed and, leaning over close to her, he and she spoke in low tones for just a moment; then he suddenly left the room, leaving the other soldiers busily engaged, evidently looking for gold.

“A few moment after the soldier left the room a tall, handsome man suddenly walked into the room and the soldiers all suddenly ceased their depredations and brought their hands up and stood at rigid attention. The tall man immediately ordered the fire in the hall extinguished and also ordered the premises vacated and guards placed at the several gates of the yard. Then turning to my mother he gravely bowed.

“‘Madam,’ he said, ‘I apologize for the rudeness of my soldiers and my purser shall assess the damage done your property and pay you for it. No further damage will be done or offered. Under orders, I am compelled to send what meat you have to headquarters, but I shall

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.

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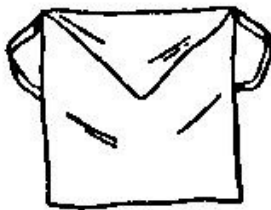
not move it before sunrise, by which time you may have your slaves put away enough for your reasonable needs. With your permission I will fodder my command in your woods lot and use enough of your corn and hay to feed the horses of my command, for all of which I will have you suitably recompensed.

“Mother gave her consent and the tall officer gravely bowed and retired.

“The command lighted fires over the 100-acre woods lot while all of us looked on. And just about time the cooking was fairly started Forrest’s command came charging down through the woods, yelling and shouting. The Federals made a rapid back retreat through the plantation, not having time or opportunity to get back on the regular road. Two of the soldiers guarding my mother’s front gate were captured and the running fight or skirmish variously called West Point, Town Creed, or Wooton Hill followed.

What the soldier had discovered was a Masonic apron “of curious workmanship and material that had been in the Brame family since 1676.”

Source: Roberts, Allen E. *House Undivided: The story of Freemasonry and the Civil War*. Richmond: Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., Inc., 1990-1991, pp. 152-154.



How to Avoid Hearing Loss and How to Help Those with Hearing Loss

According to the website at <http://holidayinsights.com/moreholidays/May/saveyourhearingday.htm>, *Save Your Hearing Day* is always celebrated on May 31. Who knew?

The above site says this:

“Many hearing loss problems are avoidable. Hearing loss can result from a variety of reasons, including: health, genetic and environmental causes. On the environmental side, repeated long term exposure to loud, high decibel noises can over time cause hearing loss. This cause, in particular, is often avoidable. [¶] Use *Save Your Hearing Day* as an opportunity to learn what you can do to avoid hearing loss to yourself, and your family. Then, practice it.” *Ibid*.

Here’s what one site suggests are five ways to prevent hearing loss:

1. Avoid loud noises.
2. Take care when listening to music.
3. Protect your hearing during loud events and activities.
4. Take precautions at work.
5. Get your hearing tested.

See,

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/top-10-tips-to-help-protect-your-hearing/> (It has more details about each of the five ways mentioned.)

But what if one’s hearing loss is unavoidable, i.e., genetic for instance? What can we do to manage such hearing loss and to help others understand this invisible disability?

Here’s what I do at parties or in similar environments (large rooms with many people, restaurants, airports, etc.), to manage my own hearing loss.

I remind people if necessary that I do not hear everything they are saying and ask them to repeat words if I don’t understand. (Just please don’t respond with “never mind.”)

I ask people to speak slower and more

distinctly. Yelling won't help. Neither does mumbling or slurring words.

I ask people to face me when they speak. Yes, reading lips helps.

I am not a wallflower; however, I usually situate myself at or near a wall, if possible, to reduce the noise behind me.

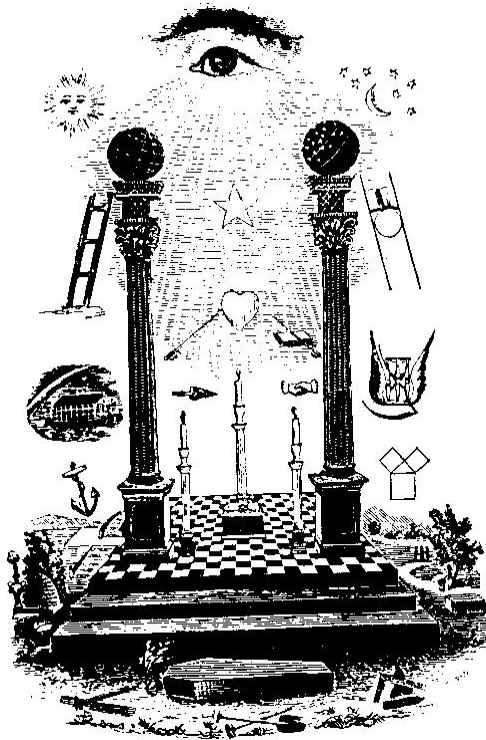
I might move our conversation to a quieter corner of the room or elsewhere. A hallway is sometimes a good spot. Or outside.

I might take a break ... or more than one ... by moving myself to a quiet room or even outside for awhile. You should be aware that it is very hard and extremely taxing to discern distinct voices from all of the other sounds of the room. So, don't think I am being rude, I'm not.

For more in helping the hearing impaired see: <https://hearhear.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/10-Commandments-of-Hearing-Loss-1.pdf>

Have a Happy Save Your Hearing Day!

Respectfully submitted,
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 (soon)

*The Hiram Award is an award presented to a Master Mason who has served the Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary. It is the highest honor (other than being Master of the Lodge) that can be bestowed on a member of a Masonic Lodge.

Daniel Beard Masonic Scouter Award**

David I. Karp (2007)

**Presented by the Grand Lodge of California to Freemasons who practice the ideals of Freemasonry as volunteers in the Boy Scouts of America. It is named in memory of Bro. Daniel Carter Beard, BSA's first National Commissioner.

Maps for Sunday, April 28 +
Flyer for our Golf Tournament follow

Maps for the Shriners' Run and CFS' Water Station – the black circle with a W designates the location of our water station for the Shrine Run. The next map shows the race routes.





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1st Annual Masonic Golf Tournament

June 14, 2019 Friday @ Knollwood Country Club
12040 Balboa Blvd, Granada Hills, CA 91344

Registration: 7:00-8:00am
Tee Time: 8:30am

Donation: \$95.00 Per Player Includes:

- * Green Fee and Golf Cart
- * Lunch and Snacks
- * Trophies and Awards

Golf Chairman:

Bro. Brig/ Mandia	818.460.8366
Bro. Barry Mana	818.237.4856
Bro. Roland Cortel	818.203.5161
Bro. Ramiel Malebanan	464.755.8094

Please plan to attend the Awarding, Sponsor recognition and fellowship after the Fundraising Tournament at Knollwood Country Club.

The Bay of the Golf Tournament... this is a RAIN or SHINE event.

Sponsors and Donations are welcome. Proceeds to support the Grand Lodge write the future campaign and other on-going projects.