

# In the



# Daylight

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## Freemasonry, Prayer and Helping Others

### Foreword ...

Even in this time of COVID-19, there is much for which we can give thanks. We have our lives, our families, our skills, our health hopefully, our Brothers, and our Lodge even if we have not been meeting regularly in these difficult times.

Life seems to be at a standstill, yet life must go on. Many of us are staying at home to stay away from others and thus to stay healthy; some, with the most critical and essential job functions (like healthcare for instance), are still at work.

We give thanks for all of the forgoing.

Although home-bound myself, I will continue to try, as editor, and to the extent possible, to provide you with some distraction with monthly reading material. It is my pleasure and I appreciate the opportunity to do so.

In this edition, you will find a mix of subjects. One piece, for instance, is about Freemasonry and prayer; some others are about Masons helping each other (and strangers too). Two are personal pieces for your added enjoyment. There are the normal inclusions, as well, so we can retain some sense of normality.

I hope you like this May edition, and may the Great Architect of the Universe give us the strength to endure in these times of isolation.

Fraternally,  
David I. Karp  
Editor

### May Trestle Board

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

The Grand Master of Masons in California has directed that there be no Masonic gatherings of any kind in this state until further direction is received from him. The following are all off- calendar (note the ~~strikeout~~) and are listed for information purposes only and only so you might know what we would be doing in ordinary circumstances. Everything is subject to rescheduling. **Notwithstanding, in the interim please note our informal Zoom gatherings, Fridays 7PM. Mtg ID and password via email with this edition.**

~~May 2 — Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)  
Inspector's Official Visit~~

~~May 14 — CFS Second Thurs. Fellowship  
@ Lulu's 5:30PM~~

~~May 16 — Degree/Practice TBD~~

### Looking Ahead into June

~~June 6 — Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)~~

~~June 11 — CFS Second Thurs. Fellowship @  
Lulu's, 5:30PM~~

~~June 20 - Father's Day Degree at the Masonic  
Homes in Covina (tentative)~~

~~June 27 — Golf Tournament~~

## Prayer in Freemasonry

This article was inspired by the calendar which notes that May 7, 2020, is the National Day of Prayer<sup>1</sup>.

“On April 17, 1952, President [Brother] Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer.” See, <https://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/us/national-day-prayer> .

This is the 1988 statute: “The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals.” 36 U.S.C. § 119.

Interestingly, the statute was challenged under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment<sup>2</sup>, but the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals rejected the challenge, not on the merits, but on the grounds that the Plaintiff lacked standing. *Freedom from Religion Foundation Inc. v. Obama*, 641 F.3d 803 (2011)<sup>3</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>Also, in the time of COVID-19, prayer is probably a timely subject as well.

<sup>2</sup>“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...”

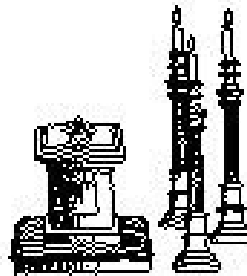
<sup>3</sup>“Section 119 imposes duties on the President alone. It does not require any private person to do anything or for that matter to take any action in response to whatever the President proclaims. If anyone suffers injury, therefore, that person is the President who is not complaining. No one has standing to object to a statute that imposes duties on strangers.” *Freedom from Religion, etc. v. Obama, supra*, 641 F.3d at 805.

Freemasonry is not a religion but embraces religious beliefs. In a document of the Grand Lodge of California entitled “Masonic Philosophy and Values,” our Grand Lodge declares: “Masons believe in the importance of religion; men of all faiths are members of the organization.”

On its website, the Grand Lodge of California informs the public that: “ We value respect, freedom, kindness, tolerance, and our differences - *religious*, ethnic, cultural, social, generational, and educational - and strive for harmony in our individual lives, in our lodges, and in the global community. [Emphasis added.]”

<https://freemason.org/discoverMasonry/index.htm> .

Our meetings open and close with nonsectarian prayer and include a meaningful but neutral closing benediction. Also we observe



that the Book of Holy writings is central in the lodge. Furthermore, a belief in a Supreme Being is a requirement of membership.

<https://freemason.org/discoverMasonry/applying.htm> .

On the other hand, we do not discuss religion (or politics) in our Lodges. We exclude these subjects in order to enhance the harmony and civility of our assemblies and our respect for one another.

To conclude, religion is not discussed but prayer remains important to Freemasons.

For the reader from the writer, here is a closing benediction, from outside of Freemasonry, that nevertheless many will recognize, as it is central to many faiths. The words are quoted from the Interfaith section of *Eagles Soaring High: Trail Worship for Christians, Muslims and Jews, Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico*:

[continues next page, see “Prayer”]

[Prayer, continued from p. 2]

“May God bless us and protect us;

“May God show us favor and be gracious to us;

“May God show us kindness and grant us peace.

“Amen.”

Fraternally,  
David I. Karp,  
Contributor



## Upcoming Events *but only if Activity Resumes*

Here are, hopefully, some of our upcoming events other than our regularly scheduled meetings, assuming our program can resume in due time:

**May 14, 2020** CFS Second Thurs. Fellowship, 5:30PM and after, 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. [This event repeats monthly even if not shown below.]

**June 20, 2020** Father's Day Degree, maybe, at the Masonic Homes in Covina.

**June 20, 2020** (evening) “Mason of the Year” dinner and ceremony at Pasadena Scottish Rite.

**June 27, 2020** CFS Golf Tournament. A portion of net proceeds will go toward the lodge's programming and its commitments to supporting Masonic philanthropic opportunities.

**July 24-26, 2020** Lodge Campout

### CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2020

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

Senior Warden Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan

Junior Warden  
Fernando (“Jhonny”) O. Lebrilla, Jr.

Treasurer Barry Mann

Secretary Akram Alawar

Asst. Secretary Thomas (“Tom”) K. Sheehan

Chaplain Archimedes (“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

## Member News

**M**ay Birthdays: Steven Engstrom.  
Happy Birthday Bro.  
Third Degree Anniversaries:

Rami Alawar; Michael J. Chavez; David I. Karp;  
Barry Mann; Virgilio A. Maravillas, Sr.; Steven  
A. Wolvek; Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan.  
Congratulations!



## Member Spotlight – Bill Raddatz, Tiler

**O**ur Tiler, William C. Raddatz, a  
Mason for 44 years, was a member of  
the original Clarence F. Smith Lodge  
(No. 482), where he was initiated in 1975 and  
passed and raised in 1976. Prior to his joining CF  
Smith Lodge 482, it was a military lodge, but  
that restriction loosened, and when Bro. Bill  
joined the Masons he was not then in the  
military. He joined the Coast Guard after  
becoming a Mason!

CF Smith Lodge 482 merged into Granada  
Hills Lodge No 378, where Bro. Bill continued  
as a Mason, but he jumped at the chance to  
affiliate with the newly formed Clarence F.  
Smith Daylight Lodge because of his prior  
affiliation with our Lodge's namesake. He is  
now the Tiler but he has volunteered to occupy  
various officer chairs when needed. Before  
becoming Tiler, Bro. Bill was our Organist. Bro.  
Bill has the lowest "record number" of any of the  
Brothers of our Lodge, which means he has been

a Mason for the longest time compared to all  
other Brethren of Clarence F. Smith Daylight  
Lodge.

Bro. Bill is also affiliated with Van Nuys  
Chapter 338 Order of the Eastern Star and  
sometimes reports on the Chapter's activities.  
He has served the chapter as Worthy Patron three  
times.

Bro. Bill is proud to tell you that, in his  
youth, he attained the rank of Star Scout and  
attended the 13th World Scout Jamboree in  
Japan, and that while there he endured a typhoon  
which interrupted the event. He also attended  
the National Scout Jamborees in 1969 and 1971.  
While attending the 1969 Jamboree (Coeur  
d'Alene Idaho) he and the other Scouts received  
word of the Moon landing. The cheering could  
have been heard in Boise. His Scouting  
activities ended as a Unit Commissioner.

Bro. Bill's current interest is in fire fighting.  
He listens for fire truck deployment on a special  
radio frequency, participates with other fire  
fighting aficionados sometimes at the scene of a  
fire, and he maintains an extensive collection of  
model fire trucks and other accouterments.

We are proud to call Bill Raddatz a Brother  
of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866.



## Helping a Brother in Distress (1862)

**E**ditor's Note: Although we are enduring a national/international pandemic and not war at this time, we are nevertheless bound by our Masonic ties to help a worthy Brother in distress when practicable. Here is a notable example of Masonic aid and assistance from another national crisis, the Civil War. The following is quoted from an article, *Freemasonry on the Battlefield*, written by John Edwin Mason, K.T., for the *Masonic Monthly*, concerning General Lee's invasion of Maryland [September 1862]:

"I was passing through some very dense underbrush, giving water from my canteen to the wounded, and assisting the 'stretcher-bearers' to take the worst cases from the field, when someone sitting against a tree uttered in a clear, distinct voice the never-to-be-forgotten words accompany the sign of distress among Masons. In a moment I was by his side, with my hand grasping his, proffering any aid in my power. A drink of cold water from my canteen was his first request, and then I bathed his wounds with the remainder of the water I had...."

"When I had succeeded in stopping the blood flowing he seemed to revive and in a nervous manner asked me if I knew who I was attending to so kindly. I told him I did not have the honor of knowing and really cared very little to know as long as he was a Mason. He replied in a very desponding manner, 'I am Col. C\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ South Carolina Regiment, instead of being a Union officer as you supposed.'

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"I will call the stretcher-bearers and have you taken to our hospital' ..."

"What, me?! Said the rebel officer, speaking as if taken wholly by surprise. 'Yes, sir YOU,' said I emphatically. 'I am not entitled to any such treatment,' said he in a very decisive manner.

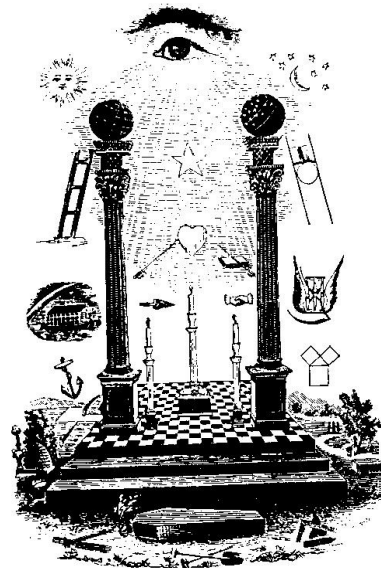
"You are entitled to ALL I can do for you, and to the kindest care and treatment our field

hospitals afford,' said I, 'because you have proved to me you are a Freemason.'

"He tried to speak but something choked his utterance. I thought it was blood from his wound, but he afterward told me it was his attempted utterance, suddenly surprised by the kindness which captured his finer feeling and led him a willing captive into Masonic ambushade.

"The stretcher-bearers were found and he was carefully taken to the nearest field hospital, where a surgeon had charge of it, who happened to be a Mason. I asked of the surgeon, as a personal favor, that this rebel officer might receive the best attention and if any expenses were incurred to charge them to me. A convalescent was detailed to take charge of him, his wounds were carefully dressed, nourishment was given him, and I lay down to catch an hour's sleep before the hard duties of the morrow summoned me hence."

Source: Roberts, Allen E. *House Undivided: The Story of Freemasonry and the Civil War*. Richmond: Macoy Publishing & Masonic Supply Co., Inc., 1990-1991, pp. 122-123





## In Medical Practice Bro. Mayo Helps The Public

“William James Mayo (b. June 29, 1861, Le Sueur, Minn. d. July 28, 1939, Rochester) was the eldest son of

William Worrall Mayo. He received his M.D. degree in 1883 from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and then engaged at Rochester in the private practice of medicine and surgery with his father and later with his younger brother Charles Horace Mayo. Though William J. Mayo became the administrator in the practice, no important decisions were made without the full agreement of both brothers. He and his brother performed all the surgeries at St. Mary’s Hospital until about 1905. From this surgical partnership of the two brothers evolved the cooperative group clinic, later known as the Mayo Clinic. William James Mayo, who became a specialist in surgery of the abdomen, pelvis, and kidney, remained active in surgery at the clinic until 1928 and in administration until 1933.”

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Mayo-family#ref264054> .

Brother William Mayo was a member of Rochester Lodge #21, Rochester Minnesota.

<https://eb1870.org/project/william-mayo/>

## I Hope This Helps (Because Its May)

American Literature was one of my favorite classes in college, in which we studied, among other things, Walt Whitman’s *Leaves of Grass*. Here is one of his

works from *Leaves of Grass*, called *Out of May's Shows Selected* written in 1888-89.

“Apple orchards, the trees all cover'd with blossoms;

Wheat fields carpeted far and near in vital emerald green;

The eternal, exhaustless freshness of each early morning;

The yellow, golden, transparent haze of the warm afternoon sun;

The aspiring lilac bushes with profuse purple or white flowers.”

Many of us have been staying at home, quite a bit, recently. It is worthwhile to remember the springtime outside, as even evoked in poetry by a master, although not a Mason. DIK.

### 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.

## Brother Freund Helps Others, Too.

Brother Isadore Freund (1878-1946), pronounced “Froo und,” was not a famous Mason but he was well known in Washington, D.C. in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century. He was also an earnest helper of the less fortunate.

Bro. Isadore was successful in business as a commercial plumber<sup>1</sup> and a director of The Seventh Street Savings Bank<sup>2</sup>. He was also a builder and developer: One of his buildings, still in use in Washington, D.C. is a four story brick apartment building called “The Maycroft” built in 1922 and listed on the National Register of Historic places.<sup>3</sup>

His success enabled him to purchase a well-known country estate called “Maycroft” (for which the above apartment building was later named). “Maycroft” was a 25-acre estate on St. Clement’s Bay, Md. According to *The Washington Times*, September 10, 1921, “This property has the reputation of being one of the show pieces of southern Maryland.” It was later sold<sup>4</sup>.

Freund’s business success also led to his philanthropy and altruism. When the Selective Immigrant Aid Society of America was formed in Washington, D.C., in 1923, Isadore Freund was its inaugural treasurer. The society was formed to aid and assist immigrants, to help them

find shelter and employment as needed, and to help them integrate into the community<sup>5</sup>.

Unfortunately, in the Great Depression, Freund’s bank closed and went into receivership<sup>6</sup>. Also, according to my mother, Bro. Freund ended up living in a hotel prior to his death.

You see, Isadore Freund was my great-grandfather, my mother’s maternal grandfather. I was named after him (my middle name, Ira).

With the good fortune of being married to a genealogist (my wife, Geri), I learned most of what I have written.

On the other hand, I can tell you what I think was *really* important to him from certain items handed down in the family:

I have his Masonic ring for instance. Also, I have the contents of his wallet from 1945/1946 shortly before his death. Among a few other papers are his membership cards for: Hope Lodge No. 20. F.A.A.M. (Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia); Albert Pike Consistory (Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, USA); and Almas Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S of Washington, D.C.

From my own research I know that my great grandfather, Bro. Isadore Freund, petitioned Hope Lodge No. 20 for the degrees, and was initiated, passed and raised in that lodge, becoming a Master Mason on May 31, 1916.

I never knew Bro. Isadore Freund, but it is a privilege to honor his memory in this edition for his 104th Third Degree Anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,  
David I. Karp,  
Contributor

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<sup>1</sup>See, e.g., *The Plumbers Trade Journal*, Vol. 73, July 1st, 1922, at p. 67.

<sup>2</sup>*The Bankers Encyclopedia*, Vol. 46 at p. 194.

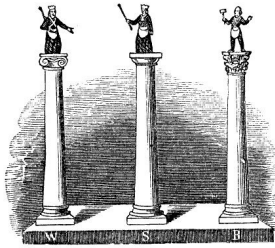
<sup>3</sup>See, <https://www.historypointer.com/nris/resource/12000864/#14/38.9289/-77.0348>

<sup>4</sup>Maryland Historical Trust, State Historic Sites Inventory Form, Survey No. SM-658 dtd 8/17/98.

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<sup>5</sup>Certificate of Incorporation dtd June 20, 1923.

<sup>6</sup>The Washington Times, November 28, 1937 (“Bank’s Receiver Prepared to Pay: Closed Seventh Street Bank to Start Distribution, Dec. 6”) at p. B-1.



## From the East

**B**rethren,  
We truly are living in unprecedented times with the Coronavirus impacting all aspects of our lives. I hope you all are doing well, remaining positive and making the adjustments to this new normal. But just because we cannot officially do Lodge business, it doesn't stop the Brethren from making the best of this down time in having our weekly Zoom meetings to catch up and see how everyone is doing. Thank you to WB Roger Soriano and Brother David Karp for setting this up. It was truly great to see you all (online) and bring back some normalcy into our lives.

### Let Us Continue to Hone Our Craft All Day:

To all the Officers, this would be a great time to catch up on your ritual work. To all the EAs and FCs this would be a great time to become proficient in your obligations. And to those completing their Third Degree Proficiency, this would be an excellent time to complete it.

### So That in an Uncertain World:

As we continue to get a grip of this new reality, let us also take the time to plan ahead as the country and state will soon reopen and before you know it, the Lodge will again be able to meet and fully function. We still do not know when the lodge will reopen and when we reopen what constraints might persist. But what we do know is that there is *light* at the end of the tunnel and one day we will be able to conduct business, operate fully as a Lodge and continue to make good men better.

### Our Acts as Men as Masons Will Be a Beacon of Light:

I am proud of many of you who have stepped up to help those in need during this time. Even a text to say hi or a simple phone call can bring light in a dark time. I hope to see you all in person soon and that we continue to be beacons of light to all those in need.

Be safe....

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

## From the West

**B**rethren,  
Please join us on Zoom, Fridays 7PM, while the Lodge is otherwise dark due to the pandemic. It's a good time for fellowship with members of the Lodge and prospective members as well. The meeting ID and password, which will be the same through the end of May, were provided by email with this newsletter.

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

## From the South

**B**rethren,  
The following advice on managing stress at this time comes from the CDC:

1. Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories and social media;
2. Connect with others. Talk with friends and loved ones over the phone or via video chat about your concerns and how you are feeling;
3. Take care of yourself. Take deep breaths, stretch or meditate. Try to eat healthy meals, exercise regularly, and get plenty of sleep.

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





## From the Treasurer

**B**rethren,  
The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act will let taxpayers deduct from their taxable income up to \$300 per taxpayer (\$600 for a married couple) if charitably donated to a qualified organization this year. The rule will apply only to charitable contributions made in 2020. Taxpayers will be able to claim the deductions on their tax forms submitted in 2021. According to Sarah Li at the California Grand Lodge, “Clarence F. Smith Lodge is a 501(c)(10) fraternal organization.” This deduction is “above the line,” which means it will come off your income whether you itemize or not. If you can, now would be a good time to donate to our Lodge, but double-check with your tax adviser first to be sure you can take the deduction. I have the federal EIN for you if you need it.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Barry Mann,  
Treasurer

## From the Secretary

**B**rethren,  
It has been a very difficult couple months and there is no assurance or any definitive answers as to when this pandemic will be over. All we can do now is to follow the recommendations of the authorities and stay home. Fortunately or unfortunately (I don't know) some of us have to go to work. Regardless of where you are or what your situation is, please

take all the precautions needed to avoid contracting this virus. Let us keep in touch with each other.

I know it is not the right time to talk about dues, but please make sure that you are in good standing otherwise you will be suspended. Unfortunately this is a reality.

Keep the Faith. We will get through this epidemic.

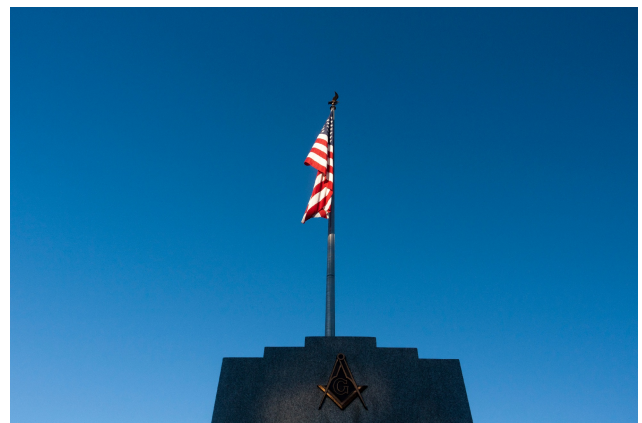
Fraternally,  
Bro. Akram Alawar  
Secretary

## Memorial Day is May 25

“We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain that this nation 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.”

So wrote President Abraham Lincoln, for his Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863.

As he did then and there, we honor the fallen this month who gave “the last full measure of devotion” (*id.*) serving our country and protecting our freedoms. We do so, as men and Masons, in the exemplary discharge of our civil duties and without losing sight of the allegiance due our country.



[I believe this is a photo of the Masonic Memorial at Valley Forge taken by my son-in-law Greg Wiefel. DIK.]