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# Daylight

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November 2018

## Ceremony of Constitution this Month!

November 4 Is The Day.

**A** Ceremony of Constitution will take place at the Lodge on November 4, 2018 at 11:00 AM, to celebrate our much anticipated Charter from the Grand Lodge of California. At right, please find the published invitation. Below you will find some additional information:

Masons (Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts, Master Masons), and their families and friends are invited but must RSVP by October 26, 2018, as shown on the invitation because space is limited. There is also an RSVP page. See, <https://goo.gl/forms/yRCqXpRBRC0MeuSY2>

If you will join us for the luncheon thereafter, you will also need to pay in advance, \$45/person. Pay by check to our Secretary. See his article on p. 5 for further instruction.

Or, as suggested by our Junior Warden, you can send money via “Zelle” on your smart phone to [cfsjuniorwarden@gmail.com](mailto:cfsjuniorwarden@gmail.com). See p. 4. If so, send an email confirmation to the Secretary at [asalawar@aol.com](mailto:asalawar@aol.com) that you have paid.

Also, please bring with you to the ceremony any donations you can give for our “Stuff a Truck” drive for the homeless. Examples are toiletries, socks, underwear, towels, wash cloths, paper products (e.g., paper plates, paper towels, toilet paper, tissues).

The Lodge is excited for the Ceremony of Constitution to take place. Congratulations to all who made this possible.

Fraternally,  
David I. Karp, Editor



### Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge

Cordially Invites You to Attend Our  
Ceremony of Constitution

Presented by  
Right Worshipful Stu Wright  
Sunday, November 4, 2018

11AM  
14750 Sherman Way  
Van Nuys, CA 91405

Lunch to Follow at  
Carnival Restaurant  
4356 Woodman Avenue  
Sherman Oaks, CA



**November Trestleboard**  
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## November Is Voting Month

In Stated Meetings, Master Masons ballot on membership, i.e., on candidates for degrees and/or Brother Masons wanting to affiliate. We vote on motions brought before the Lodge. Yearly, Master Masons vote to elect

five officers in the Lodge: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer. Our election is on November 3 at our November Stated Meeting.



In November, we will also vote in national, statewide, and local elections. It is important to us as Masons to be civically minded and to cast our votes for our government representatives. It is both a freedom and an obligation to do so.

The coincidence of voting in November, both in the lodge and in the community, is not lost on this writer. Here's one reason why:

The foundation of the United States and its governing documents, including the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights, among others, rests squarely on the shoulders of Freemasons, who, in large part, took the ideas and ideals for representative democracy right from their experiences in their lodges. (For an exhaustive treatment on the subject, see Carter, James Davis. *Masonry in US History -- through 1846*, Waco: the Committee on Masonic Education and Service for the Grand Lodge of Texas A.F. and A.M., 1955, Chapter 4, pp. 119-154 (Freemasonry and United States Government), available online at <http://web.mit.edu/dryfoo/Masonry/Essays/jdcarter.html> .)

In fact, at our Constitutional Convention 33 out of 55 Delegates were Masons. *Ibid*.

“Of this group, two were Past Grand Masters, [Benjamin ]Franklin and [John] Blair; two were Grand Masters, [Edmund] Randolph and [David] Brearley; and two were later elevated to the

Grand Mastership, [Gunning] Bedford and [William R.] Davie.” *Ibid*.

As Masons, we may differ in our political views. Yet, to meet, act and part harmoniously, we do not discuss or debate politics in the Lodge.

As our Grand Lodge has written: “*The fraternity transcends religious, ethnic, cultural, social, and educational differences. We respect others’ opinions and strive to grow and develop as human beings.* [Emphasis added.]” See, [https://www.freemason.org/doc/Masonic%20Philosophy.pdf?id\\_271](https://www.freemason.org/doc/Masonic%20Philosophy.pdf?id_271)

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### November Trestleboard

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

November 3, 2018 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual) Candy Day - Election of Officers

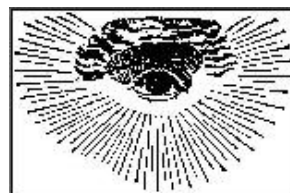
November 4, 2018 Ceremony of Constitution (11:00 AM) (Not casual)

November 29, 2018 - OSI San Fernando, 7-9 pm

### Looking Ahead into December

December 1, 2018 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual) Any Cookie

December 15, 2018 Degree TBD - Holiday Party



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Importantly, we do agree on one thing despite any differences: Voting is vital for individual and collective expression.

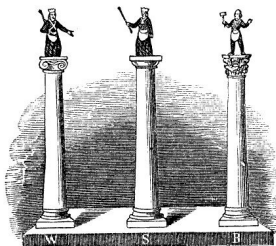
This is reinforced in the Charge of the Entered Apprentice Degree wherein we are reminded, among other things, to be examples to others in the performance of our civic duties, to obey our laws, and to give due allegiance to our country.

In this writer's view, there is no greater responsibility to our country than to vote. The US Constitution implicitly demands it: Article I (giving the States the oversight of federal elections); Amendment XV (extending the right to vote to African American men); Amendment XIX (extending the vote to women); Amendment XXIV (eliminating poll taxes); and Amendment XXVI (lowering the voting age to 18). See, <https://www.usa.gov/voting-laws>.

Thus, it goes without saying that each of us needs to set the example and to vote in November, not only in our community, but in our lodge as well.

PS Ironically, I will be absent at the November Stated Meeting due to a professional commitment that conflicts, but I would be there to vote if I could. I did try to give Wor. Steve my proxy but that didn't work out.

Fraternally,  
David I. Karp, Editor



## From the East

Annual Communication and our Charter these are the latest in the list of our accomplishments so far. But the list of accomplishments we made in the last 1 ½ years is so much greater. And so amazing!

We have . . .

--Received ten (10) applications for degrees and six (6) applications for affiliation;

--Participated in two major fund-raising events;

--Conducted over a dozen degrees including the Father's Day Degree and BBQ at the Masonic Homes;

--Held two Hiram award presentations;

--Finished second in a district Ritual Degree contest;

--Joined a small group of over 300 Lodges (now one of 30) to participate in the "Lets Write the Future Campaign;"

--Moved locations; and

--Qualified our 2019 officers in ritual degree work months ago.

And the best part....this is just the beginning!

We will be doing a Stuff-a-Truck event on November 4th to help the homeless at the same time as we when have the Grand Family come down for our Ceremony of Constitution.

We are securing time to participate at the Midnight Mission to serve the homeless.

By November, we will have had two more Third Degrees followed by our election of officers at our November Stated Meeting.

I am so proud to have been part of this Lodge. The Brotherhood, love, and affection on display in and out of the Lodge every day coupled with our accomplishments have made Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge an example for others to follow.

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Also, I want to give a special thank you to our Worshipful Inspector Alberto Casanova and Worshipful Officers Coach Bruce Hawley, together with all our officers and members, because this could never have happened without each and every one of you!

Congratulations to us all and please remember to RSVP for our November 4th event ASAP. Thank you!

Fraternally from the East,  
Wor. Steven A. Wolvek

## From the West

Brethren,  
Wor. Bruce wanted but was unable at the last minute to provide an article for November. In lieu thereof, I, as editor, and with kindness, courtesy and affability, give you on his behalf a quote attributed to Marcus Tullius Cicero. Wor. Bruce understands, lives by, and espouses all of the morals and teachings of our Craft, and so beautifully conveys the impressive language of our Rituals for our benefit. These are Cicero's words that so remind me of our Worshipful Brother Bruce:

"Nothing is more noble, nothing more venerable than fidelity. Faithfulness and truth are the most sacred excellences and endowments of the human mind."

Fraternally from the West,  
Bruce Hawley, PM,  
Senior Warden  
(By his friend and Brother)



## From the South

Brethren,  
Our October trip to San Francisco for our Annual Communication will be remembered for a long time by those Lodge members who make the annual pilgrimage to witness the Grand Lodge discuss new legislation and other business for the benefit of Masonry in general. It will be all the more special this year as we are one of seven new lodges to receive our charter.

With this in mind, let this be a reminder that it does not end there, but rather it marks the beginning of our journey to greatness. This greatness however, can only be achieved with efforts from each of the Lodge's members.

On November 4th at 11am, the Grand Master of Masons of California and his Grand Line will come down to our humble little Lodge and open Grand Lodge in order for him to bestow upon us our very own charter in person! This event may never happen again in our lifetimes, so I'd encourage everyone to mark your calendars for that day, after which, we will head over to Carnival Restaurant in Sherman Oaks to celebrate this momentous occasion. There is an RSVP page at <https://goo.gl/forms/yRCqXpRBRC0MeuSY2> Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Fraternally from the South,  
Bro. Roger Soriano,  
Junior Warden



## From Our Secretary

**B**rothers,  
November 4th is an important date for our Lodge as a follow up to the Annual Communication starting October 19<sup>th</sup>. (At the Annual Communication there will be an announcement that CFS Daylight Lodge has received its Charter.)

November 4th is when our Grand Master will be handing us our Charter in our own Lodge and we all need to be present with our families. We need to RSVP as directed on the first page of this newsletter in order to set the Lodge with enough seats and to buy flowers (Blue Roses) for our ladies. Also we need confirmation for the lunch after the ceremony. We need to collect the monies and give the Restaurant the count.

The lunch menu is as follows:

- Beef Kabob
- Kafta (Ground meat with parsley, onion, and spices)
- Chicken
- Greek salad
- Tabouli (cracked wheat with tomatoes, parsley , onions, lemon juice and oil dressing)
- Falafel (ground Fava and chick beans, spices)
- Hummus ( ground chick peas, sesame sauce blended with lemon juice and garlic)
- Baba Ghanoug ( baked eggplant blended with sesame sauce, lemon juice and garlic)
- French fries, rice
- Soda, ice tea, and coffee

Please reserve and pay early either via "Zelle" or as directed on the front page. Or you may contact me at (818) 631-1988 and we will arrange to meet for payment. Or write a check to CFS Daylight Lodge and mail it to: Akram Alawar, 10339 Zelzah Ave., Northridge, CA 91326.

Don't wait till the next Stated Meeting because it would be late.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Akram Al-Awar,  
Secretary

### CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2018

**Worshipful Master** – Steven ("Steve") A. Wolvek

**Senior Warden** – Wor. Bruce L. Hawley, P.M.

**Junior Warden** – Rogelio ("Roger") L. Soriano

**Treasurer** – Barry Mann

**Secretary** – Akram Al-Awar

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

**Chaplain** – Virgilio ("Virgil") A. Maravillas, Sr.

**Senior Deacon** – Rolando ("Roland") L. Cortel

**Junior Deacon** – Keith S. Cotton

**Marshal** – Spartak ("Spo") Khachatryan

**Senior Steward** –  
Fernando ("Jhonny") O. Lebrilla, Jr.

**Tyler** – Joselito ("Joel") A. Coronel

**Organist** – William ("Bill") C. Raddatz

**Officer's Coach** – Wor. Bruce L. Hawley, P.M.

**Inspector 705 Masonic District**  
Wor. Alberto Casanova, Jr., P.M.



## A Thanksgiving Salute to Bro. Norman Rockwell

Bro. Norman Rockwell was a “20th-century American author, painter and illustrator. His works enjoy a broad popular appeal in the United States for their reflection of American culture. Rockwell is most famous for the cover illustrations of everyday life he created for *The Saturday Evening Post* magazine over nearly five decades.” See,

<https://eb1870.org/project/norman-rockwell/>.

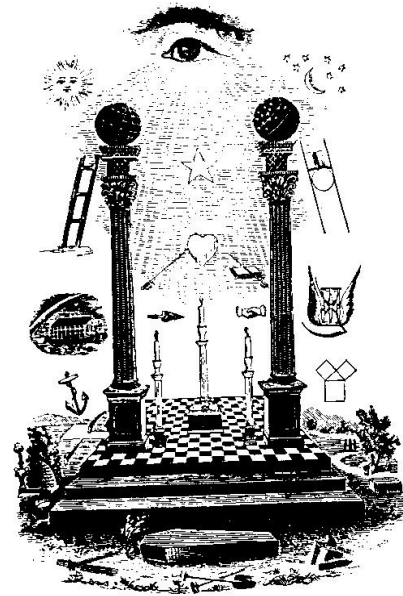
According to the same source, Bro. Rockwell was born on February 3rd 1894 and passed away on November 8th 1978. He was a member of Red Mountain Lodge No. 63, Arlington, Vermont. *Ibid*.

Among many other famous paintings of his, there is a set of four which depicts Bro. Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s Four Freedoms: *Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear*.

*Freedom from Want* shows an American family at the Thanksgiving dinner table (which is why there’s a salute to Bro. Rockwell in this month’s Newsletter); at the table the hostess, maybe Grandma, presents to her family guests a whole roasted turkey before carving.

Here is a link to the image:

<https://rockwellfourfreedoms.org/>. *N.B.* The picture is from a different era (1940s) and does not fully represent today’s multi cultural family life in America. In later years Rockwell’s images showed much greater diversity, as is delightfully true in our Lodge. Also, it is not certain that the image is in the public domain and therefore it is not shown herein. Follow the link instead. It is an iconic image. Happy Thanksgiving to all. DIK.



## New Master Masons’ Corner

We spotlight Bro. Ibrahim Hanoun, 32, in this edition of our newsletter. Bro. Ibrahim, born in Syria, came to the United States in 2011 because of the war in Syria. Our Brother sought and obtained Asylum status and plans to become a US citizen next year if all goes well.

Although he has a computer science degree and worked as a computer technician before, he nevertheless spent his first four years here working in a liquor store until he was able to start his own business providing supplies to automobile body shops.

Bro. Ibrahim likes reading, hiking, politics and cooking.

When asked why he wanted to be a Mason, he responded: “I think the answer is that every Mason I have met in my life was a good person and tried to help me.” He looks forward to all that Freemasonry has to offer him and to finding Brothers he can trust.

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge once again congratulates Ibrahim Hanoun as a new Master Mason. We send him our encouragement and best wishes towards his Masonic and personal goals in life.

## More Member News

**H**ere are some member celebrations and other items for November:

**B**irthdays: Rola Al-Awar; Rolando (“Roland”) L. Cortel; Fernando (“Jhonny”) O. Lebrilla, Jr.; Michael J. Karobonik; Virgilio (“Virgil”) A. Maravillas, Sr.; Tamara Seletos. Happy Birthday to each of you.

**T**hird Degree Anniversaries: Michael J. Karobonik (23 yrs.); Ramiel Reyes Malabanan (5 yrs.); John T. Seletos (5 yrs); Rogelio (“Roger”) L. Soriano (5 yrs.). Congratulations to each one.

Congratulations also to our Inspector and Brother, Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., PM, who recently received honors from The House of the Temple Historic Preservation Foundation.

Congratulations also to the many Brothers of our Lodge for their extraordinary showing at Grand Lodge.

Best wishes to Wor. Steve Wolvek for his imminent recovery from surgery.

In November, Bro. David I. Karp celebrates his 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his admission to the State Bar of California.

### Editor’s Note re Member News

Additional member news is always welcome in subsequent editions of this newsletter. You may submit personal, family, or business announcements: births, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, personal or business achievements (even your children’s), illnesses (so we can offer get well wishes), recoveries, deaths in the family (so we can offer condolences), moves to a new location, whatever you would like others to know within the bounds of propriety. Submit your news to David I. Karp, Editor, at [davidikarp@karpmediation.com](mailto:davidikarp@karpmediation.com) or 818-515-9361, by the 10th of the Month for inclusion in the following month’s edition.

### Masonic Recognition

#### Past Masters by Affiliation

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

#### Hiram Award\*

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)

\*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 Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award\*\*

David I. Karp (2007)

\*\*Presented by the Grand Lodge of California, this nominated award is conferred upon Freemasons who practice the ideals of Freemasonry as volunteers in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Named in memory of Bro. Daniel Carter Beard, BSA’s first National Commissioner, this award program is administered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as a service to all other Grand Lodges.