

In the



Daylight

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Freemasonry. Decency. Giving Thanks.

Foreword ...

Looking toward Thanksgiving Day, it is difficult to conceive of how we can give thanks this year. We are still in the midst of a pandemic which has affected everything—our physical health and emotional well-being, our livelihoods, our mobility in the community, our health care system, our jobs, our economy, our elections, our wallets, our family gatherings, everything. Too, our country is as divided and polarized as ever. And, there are fires and floods, hurricanes and earthquakes, and all sorts of challenges to daily living. We cannot meet in-person as a Lodge. Our members' degree work, and the lodge's ritual work, have all stagnated. Except for our Zoom meetings, we mostly don't see one another. We cannot even break bread together as we previously did.. Such a disheartening and frustrating time.

So how can/do we give thanks?

I think the answer is: we look inward and we look outward.

Looking inward, we thank the Great Architect of the Universe for the gift of life itself, for nourishment, for beautiful weather or rain when we have it, for birdsong and the fragrance of flowers, for the abundance of all that surrounds us.

Looking outward, we embrace the comfort, love, familiarity and reliability of family, friends, our Masonic Brethren, and our daily rituals that give life meaning—whether that's giving a goodnight kiss to our loved ones at home, checking in with home-bound relatives

elsewhere, reading to our children or grandchildren, watching a special TV show together regularly, or taking turns at dinner each night talking about our days,¹ whatever it is that we do regularly that makes life livable and decent.

And, as Freemasons, we can be thankful: “for the opportunity to serve our community,” “for the experiences, development and [opportunities to] mentor within the craft” in “our journey to becoming better men,” and “for the stories, camaraderie, fellowship and fraternal meetings at the lodge.” “And although we don't always share the same views or see eye to eye on all topics; we always meet on the level and respect each other's differences.” [Quoted from Eastern Star Lodge A.M. F.M., Rehoboth, MA, at <https://www.easternstarlodge-af-am.org/happy-thanksgiving-from-eastern-star-lodge-a-f-a-m/>].

There is a reason we are Masons. We strive to make the world a better place by whatever we do, and we give thanks for the opportunity to do so and thus to live decent lives. Happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp, Editor

Trestle Board appears on p. 2.

¹ Some language borrowed from <https://reformjudaism.org/reform-jewish-life/you-th-family-community/crafting-jewish-tradition-youth-children-morning-rituals>

Freemasonry, Thankfulness, and Decency

In my home library, I have a volume of quotations to which I refer for inspiration or reflection. In it I found this quote about thankfulness, a subject appropriate to November. It is attributed to Victor Borge, a Danish comic musician, but not a Mason so far as I can tell. Anyway, here's what he is quoted as saying about thankfulness, usually at the end of one of his concerts:

"I want to thank my parents for making this possible and I want to thank my children for making this necessary." (Kolatch, Alfred J. *Great Jewish Quotations*. New York: Jonathan David Publishers, Inc., 1996, at p. 63).

My eyes drifted down the page to another quote of Borge's, which ultimately inspired this piece and a part of this month's theme:

"Being the recipient of physical and mental facilities assigned to me before my birth, I am convinced that, as custodian, my efforts toward accomplishments consist mainly of a reasonable amount of discipline and devotion to decency. . . ." *Ibid.*

So let's talk about decency, especially as it relates to Freemasonry.

Decency has been defined as follows:

"honest, polite behaviour that follows accepted moral standards and shows respect for others."

See,

<https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/us/definition/english/decency> .

Isn't that ultimately what the Craft is all about?

I think so. Look for instance at the explanations of the tenets of Freemasonry Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth that you will find in the First Degree lecture. Follow the same source to the explanations given to the Entered Apprentice about Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. Then consider what we value: education, philanthropy, family, tolerance,

diversity, community, personal growth, and ethics.

These all boil down to decency. And when we say that our goal is to improve ourselves and the world around us, what we're really saying is that we want decency in ourselves, in our Brothers, and in the world.

In my mind, Freemasonry equates to decency in life. To be a Freemason is to seek Decency.

Also, so that we don't ignore what Victor Borge said at the top of this article, it is the decent thing to do to thank our parents and our children, as well as our Brethren and the Craft, for the opportunities to lead decent lives.

Faternally,
David I. Karp

November Trestle Board

When we meet in person, but not now, we meet on 1st/3rd Saturdays at 10:00 AM except as otherwise noted. With authority from Grand Lodge, we will conduct our November Stated Meeting online. Thus:

Nov. 7, 2020, 10AM, Zoom. Elections.

We continue our Masonic Fellowship meetings via Zoom, THURSDAYS, 7PM. Take note of the following:

Nov 5, 2020, 7PM, Zoom Fellowship

Nov. 12, 2020, 7PM, Zoom. Plan 2021

Nov. 19, 2020, 7PM, Zoom. Hiram Awd.

Always check iMember2.0 for changes.

Decency Within Our Principal Tenet of Truth

The following is quoted from the Grand Lodge of Scotland at <https://www.grandlodgescotland.com/>

“Three great but simple principles, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, unite Freemasons of every colour and many creeds. Non-Freemasons often unfairly criticise not knowing that members of the Craft are guided by such honorable objectives. The good Freemason builds these principles into his daily life as a law abiding man and citizen of the world.

“BROTHERLY LOVE is the concern which each Freemason has for his Brother, which is readily shown by tolerance and respect for the beliefs, opinions and practices of his fellows and his willingness to care for his Brother and that Brother’s dependents.

“RELIEF The Freemason is by nature and teaching a charitable man. He will cheerfully and kindly assist those less fortunate (whether Freemasons or not!). He will care for and support his community local, national and international.

“TRUTH The Freemason believes in truth in all things, in honesty and integrity in his personal, business and public life, in fair dealings and in firm standards of **decency** and morality.”

DUES NOTICE

Per our Treasurer, 2021 dues will be \$156.00. To avoid an online processing fee payable by the Lodge, send your dues via Zelle directly to the Lodge bank account. Email address is Cfsjuniorwarden@gmail.com. Or mail a check, payable to Clarence F. Smith Daylight No. 866, directly to the Secretary. His address is in iMember2.0 if you don’t have it.

CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2020

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

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Junior Steward Raffi Hovhannisyan

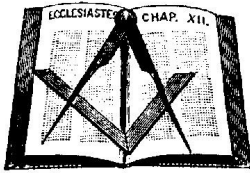
Organist Majd Fahma

Tiler William (“Bill”) C. Raddatz

Officers’ Coach Steven (“Steve”) A. Wolvek, PM

Candidates’ Coach Roger L. Soriano, PM

Inspector Leland H. Celestre, PM



A Moral Code and Social Responsibility

Quoted from Acalanes Fellowship Lodge #480, Lafayette, CA, at <http://acalanesfellowshiplodge.com/about-freemasonry-2/what-is-freemasonry/>.

“Freemasons believe in honor and that a man has a responsibility to behave honorably in everything he does. Freemasonry teaches its members the principles of personal **decency** and personal responsibility. It hopes to inspire them to have charity and good will toward all mankind, and to translate principles and convictions into action. While Freemasonry charges each member to be loyal to the government of the country to which he owes allegiance and to be obedient to the laws of any state in which he may reside, we also philosophically oppose tyranny, dictatorship, and the destruction of human dignity.”

Roy Rogers: A Decent Man and Mason

Quoted from the Henry W Coil Library & Museum of Freemasonry at <http://www.masonicheritage.org/exhibits/rogers.htm>.

“Roy Rogers was born Leonard Slye in Cincinnati, Ohio on November 5, 1911. After a successful career in radio, film and television with a devoted following, he was dubbed by

Republic Studios in 1943 as “The King of the Cowboys”. He defined what every boy and girl imagined a cowboy should be: the white Stetson with its silver hatband, hand-tooled boots and his majestic steed Trigger gave him the airs of an armored American knight of the prairies and rugged mountains. He fought for the good guy-- a straight-shooter that never lied or swore, and stood proudly next to his sweetheart, Dale Evans, the “Queen of the West”. His numerous albums, movies and TV shows endeared him to a generation of children, who admired him and who wanted to imitate him. As evidence of this devotion, in 1950 there were more than two thousand Roy Rogers fan clubs internationally. This fact was not lost on Bro. Roy, and he filled his role with dignity and aplomb.

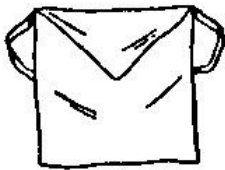
“He gave us standards to live by that helped teach us the difference between right and wrong. His willingness to stand up for the things he believed in inspired us. And his religious faith and his concern for the less fortunate helped mold our character. Roy lived his life off camera with the same **decency** and humility that he projected on television and on the silver screen. He was the hero who never let us down. Despite all the success that came to him, Roy never seemed to lose his way. And he never forgot that his fans were the ones who made it possible for a poor boy from Ohio to attain a level of success greater than anything he could ever have imagined. His **decency** and strength of character come from a simpler time in America. Yet it was anything but an easy time. Laurence Zwisohn, *Happy Trails: The Life of Roy Rogers*.

“Brother Rogers was made a Mason in Hollywood Lodge No. 355 in Los Angeles on April 15, 1946 and was raised as a Master Mason on June 27 the same year. Roy’s love of children [continues next page, see “Rogers”]

["Rogers, continued from p. 4]

and his personal experience with their sometimes unfortunate circumstances endeared him to the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S., or colloquially, "The Shrine"), which he joined in 1950 in Al Malaikah Shrine Temple alongside the famous clown, Red Skelton, and actor William Powell, Jr.

"Roy also held membership in the Los Angeles Scottish Rite beginning in 1950, being knighted a Knight Commander Court of Honour in 1975 and coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in 1979. He later transferred his membership to Long Beach Scottish Rite in 1988. He was also a Companion of the Royal Arch, a Royal and Select Master (Cryptic Rite) and a Knight Templar (1983)."



Simply Stated

Quoted from The Lodge of Old Aberdeen No. 164 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at

<https://www.oldaberdeen164.org/what-is-freemasonry-1.html>.

"What are Freemasons? They are ordinary men who try to live as good citizens with high moral principles. They do not claim a monopoly on these ideals, but by joining together in Lodges, they practice and teach these ideals of kindness, honesty, **decency**, fairness, courtesy, understanding and concern for others, and hope thus to become better members of society."

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.



A Decent Biography – Bro. Mark Twain

This is quoted from “The Masonic Life of Mark Twain” at <https://scottishritenmj.org/blog/the-masonic-life-of-mark-twain> .

“Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as the author Mark Twain, was an American writer and humorist. Today he is readily associated with *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, *The Prince and the Pauper*, and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, among his many others works. Twain was born on November 30, 1835 [a decent reason to include this entry this month] in Florida, Missouri. He became an apprentice to a printer at age 12, and shortly thereafter became a Mississippi River pilot - the experience that sparked Twain’s interest in joining Freemasonry.

“Mark Twain presented his petition to Polar Star Lodge No. 79 of Saint Louis on December 26, 1860. He received the first degree shortly after on February 18, 1861. Polar Star Lodge No. 79 was primarily made up of River Pilots at this time, giving us a hint as to why Mark Twain might have been inspired to join the Craft in the first place.

“In a twist of events shortly after Twain had been raised as a Master Mason, he left for the Nevada Territory to work as the private secretary to his brother Orion, who was secretary of the Nevada Territory and was subsequently suspended from his home lodge. Twain’s fraternal activity was put on hold for the most part, and there is not a lot of evidence of Lodge visits or conversations about his Masonic practices during this time. Once Twain returned to ‘the States’ however, his Masonic interests expanded.

“In April of 21, Mark Twain petitioned for readmission to his home Lodge and was reinstated.

“The beloved novelist soon became a busy man; writing, tours, and the beginnings of fame kept him away from Saint Louis for long periods

of time. On one of his first trips exploring Europe and the Near East, Twain is said to have been greatly impressed by Lebanon and its connection to Freemasonry. He ended up retrieving a piece of cedar and had it made into a gavel to send back to the Worshipful Master of his mother Lodge.”



Bro. Geo. Washington’s Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1789 (Reflecting his Decency in all Matters)

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks--for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their

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["Washington," ctd from p. 6]

becoming a Nation for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 31 1789.

Go: Washington

Source:

<https://www.mountvernon.org/education/primary-sources-2/article/thanksgiving-proclamation-of-1789/>

Happy Thanksgiving from the Midnight Freemasons

By Todd E. Creason, PM, 33°
Excerpted from

<http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2015/11/happy-thanksgiving.html>

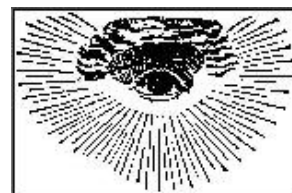
“The tradition of celebrating the harvest on a Thursday goes back to Plymouth and the Pilgrims. The most famous of these was the three day festival in 1621, when Plymouth governor William Bradford invited local Indians to join the Pilgrims feast.

“But it wasn't until the 17th century that it became an annual custom. [Bro.] George Washington, issuing the very first Presidential proclamation, declared November 26th, 1789 as a day of national thanksgiving for the United States Constitution. But it never really caught on until 1863, when President Lincoln declared that Thanksgiving would fall on the fourth Thursday of November and the holiday began to be celebrated nationally.

“Then comes [Bro.] Franklin D. Roosevelt, who decided after 75 years, he wanted to change what Lincoln had established. He proclaimed Thanksgiving as the next to last Thursday of November. Very few liked the change... For the next two years, Franklin Roosevelt repeated the unpopular proclamation. Finally, in 1941, Roosevelt gave up on it. He signed a bill into law officially making the fourth Thursday in November the national holiday of Thanksgiving.

“And we've been celebrating it on that day ever since . . .

“Happy Thanksgiving!”



The Cornucopia: a Symbol for Thanksgiving and the Stewards' Jewel

Excerpted from https://www.masonrytoday.com/index.php?new_month_11&new_day_26&new_year_2015

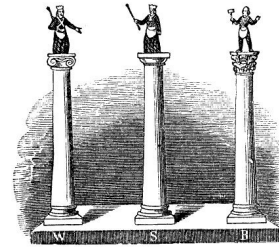
"The Cornucopia is a symbol of plenty and abundance . . . that stretches back to Classical Antiquity. . . .

"In modern times the Cornucopia has been adopted the world over as a symbol of prosperity and abundance. This is especially true in North America. In Canada an annual festival called Cornucopia is held. In several Central and South American countries the Cornucopia is depicted on their coat of arms. In the United States several states have the Cornucopia on their state flags and on state seals. It is most closely tied in the United States with the Thanksgiving Holiday.

"For Freemasons the Cornucopia is most commonly known as the symbol for the stewards who are stationed in the Masonic South. The Masonic South is tied with nourishment of the brothers. Often one of the duties of the stewards is to help with meal preparation and other times when nourishment is provided to the members of the lodge."



[Image attribution:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Masonic_lodge_officers]



From the East

Brethren,
The month of November is a time for us to give thanks for all that we have all that we will receive. Although it's been a challenging year due to the uncertainties of Stay-at-Home orders and the world-wide pandemic of COVID-19, it is still a great time to reflect on the things that we do have and the small things that we can control in order to live a life with gratitude.

In October, Grand Lodge had our Annual Communications, virtually! Our new Grand Master, Most Worshipful Author Weiss, along with the Grand Lodge staff, will devise a plan in which all lodges can safely open, virtually, and hold our monthly stated meetings. During these meetings we can pay for bills and accept applications. During our November meeting we will also have our election of officers for the 2021 Masonic year. All Officers will be able to qualify for their respective offices, one on one, with our inspector, WB Leland Celestre.

We would like to congratulate our very own, WB Alberto Casanova, PM, who was installed as the Grand Lodge Sword Bearer. He is a pillar in Masonry and a Brother who is truly worth all imitation. Congratulations my Brother!!

Lastly, please find my tentative plans for the balance of 2020 on the following page.

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



More from the East: Wor. Celso's Tentative Plans for the Balance of 2020

As a follow-up to the Master's message (on the preceding page), here are his tentative plans for the balance of 2020. They are subject to change, of course.

Thu. 10/29, Halloween Party/Officers to step up

Sat. 11/7, Nov. Stated Meeting - 2021 Election of Officers

Thu. 11/12, 2021 Town Hall Meeting - Plan for 2021

Thu. 11/19, Hiram Award

Thu. 11/26, Dark (Thanksgiving)

Sat. 12/5, December Stated Meeting

Thu. 12/10 Masonic Education: Emblems of Innocence and Honor -The Masonic Apron

Thu. 12/17 Master's Annual Recognition & Awards

Thu. 12/24 Dark (Christmas)

Thu. 12/31 Dark (New Years Eve)

From the South

Brethren,
The Election Day is only a few days away and in light of the ongoing public health emergency, a large number of votes are being cast by mail or through early in-person voting. Some states have laws in place that prevent the processing of ballots before Election Day including Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. And many battleground states, including Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and North Carolina,

allow for ballots postmarked by Election Day to be counted several days following the election. Given this, the American public may not know the winner of the presidential race on election night and our Lodge election is coming soon too.

I totally understand. We must wait a time with patience, both for learning the outcome of the election and for returning to Lodge.

The Brethren want to meet face-to-face. That fellowship is the real underlying driver for everybody. What I'm telling to Brothers is, we have to follow state and county guidelines. Our fraternity is resilient. All throughout the history of this country, Masonry has been resilient. We've responded well to this very sudden change. It took us a little bit to get going, but once we did, we pivoted and did some amazing things. And because of the stay-at-home orders, some guys have had more opportunity to become involved than they might have been before.

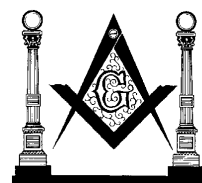
I pray you and your loved ones are all healthy and well. As we continue through these challenging times, seek God and focus on being the light to others serving, caring and helping to make the changes needed in this world.

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

From our Treasurer

Brethren,
Lodge dues for this coming year will be \$156.00. Please make your payment directly to the Lodge and DO NOT pay through the Grand Lodge portal.

Fraternally,
Bro. Barry Mann,
Treasurer





From our Secretary

Brethren, November is the month of giving, giving thanks for what we have and giving to others who are in need of any help that we can provide be it financial (money, clothes, or food) or moral support even by reaching out, standing by them or consoling as the need may be.

Personally I am very thankful that I landed in this great country of ours especially when I see what is happening in the Old Country and the rest of the world. Unfortunately, many people in this country take everything for granted and don't appreciate the meaning of freedom of speech, religion or representation.

I am also thankful that I have become a Mason and a part of this great family.

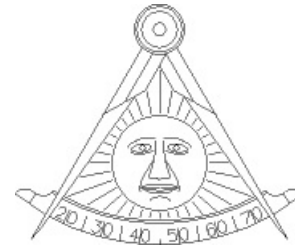
Most of all, I am extremely thankful for the good fortune that the Great Architect of the Universe provided for me, my children and the rest of my immediate family.

On another subject, I am still collecting clothes for the Midnight Mission. I will be dropping off some clothes soon, so if you donate any clothes, please call me so we can make arrangements for me to pick it up from you.

Finally, practice social distancing ("6 feet apart is better than 6 feet under"). Avoid getting your loved ones infected.

Keep the Faith, We will get through this epidemic.

Fraternally,
Bro. Akram Alawar
Secretary



Past Master's Corner (An Occasional Feature)

Brethren,
A Lodge consists of the heartbeats of all of its members. It grows when those heartbeats get louder and dies when they beat no more.

What has made our Lodge great is the willingness of each one of us to participate, doing whatever was needed to continue our path forward, making the heartbeats strong as Clarence F. Smith Daylight 866 became the shining light for others to follow.

Then came the pandemic and it seemed everything that we knew as normal changed - and our state and country were shut down. The hearts of many Lodges simply stopped beating. The question became how to get life back to Lodges. The answer - ZOOM meetings, telephone calls to our members to make sure everyone was safe, healthy, and had everything needed for our families to get by during this troubled time. We started to look forward and through these efforts, our collective hearts started to beat once more.

So let's get back to the beginning and all meet online to talk, show our compassion and care for each other and do the work necessary to keep our Lodge heartbeat strong so we can continue as the shining light of Freemasonry for others to follow.

Fraternally,
Wor. Steven A. Wolvek, PM



Masons Honoring and Serving Veterans

Veterans Day is November 11 and Masons have long served and honored Veterans.

One way is via the Masonic Service Association.

According to its website at

<https://www.msana.com/whoweare.asp> :

“The Masonic Service Association of the United States was created in 1919 by the Grand Lodges of the United States for the purpose of performing a number of services under one central organization. Some of those services have changed over the years, but MSA remains an organization dedicated to serving Freemasonry, our country, and the world. . . .

“In the years after its creation MSA established service centers in numerous cities in the United States and a few overseas. During the World War II years, with the formation of Veterans Administration Hospitals, MSA's role changed to provide services at the VA Medical Centers. Now called the MSA Hospital Visitation Program, this duty continues today, with MSA volunteers at some 150 VA sites, providing more than 100,000 hours of volunteer service annually.”

According to our Brother, William (“Bill”) C. Raddatz, himself a veteran, the historical Clarence F. Smith Lodge No. 482, of which he was a member, was originally a military veterans lodge, which, like ours, was named for Captain Clarence F. Smith who died in battle in France during World War I.

It is no stretch therefore to say that we honor veterans whenever we refer to our own Lodge by name, and of course when November comes around, as we honor them here.

Happy Veterans Day to all our Veterans. We salute you. (We applaud the good work of MSA, too.)

Fraternally,
David I. Karp,
Editor

Some Final Thoughts from Our Brethren, Giving Thanks:

The following are listed in the order received:

I am thankful for having a decent life and all that that entails, at home, at work, at leisure, and at the Lodge. Bro. David I. Karp

I am thankful for the friendship and brotherhood I feel from each member of this Lodge. Wor. Steven A. Wolvek, PM

I am super Glad to be Alone Together with my Brethren enjoying every second of our lifetime. Wor. Gani R. Hernandez, Jr., PM. (Burbank Lodge No. 406).

I am thankful too. See my article above for details. Bro. Akram Alawar.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this great fraternity and for the love of family, friends and our Brothers in Freemasonry. Happy Thanksgiving. The Collective Consciousness (Hive Mind) of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866.

