

In The



Daylight

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Let there Be Light!

Even the Name of Our Lodge Alludes to Light.

This being the inaugural edition of the Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge newsletter, I am reminded of the first words of Genesis:

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light!” and there was light.”

This selection led me to think about the symbolism of “light” as used in Masonry and elsewhere.

It represents so much in a single word: knowledge, truth, Godliness, faith, leadership in the lodge, intelligence, aid, a source of goodness or nourishment, and so forth.

The search for light in Masonry is well known to those of us initiated into the Craft and there is much symbolism attached to it, as more particularly revealed in the rituals of our Degrees. We even refer to certain things as the Greater Lights, the Lesser Lights, and the Lights of the Lodge. More will not be revealed here although some of this information is actually in the public domain. See, e.g., Halpaus, *Right Angles, Horizontals and Perpendiculars*, published in *The Philalethes*, Dec. 2002 and available online at

<https://www.mn-masons.org/sites/mn-masons.org/files/3578.pdf>.

To some degree, even the name of our lodge alludes to light, as we are a *Daylight* Lodge, although, much of our work is done privately and indoors.

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October Trestleboard

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

October 6, 2018 – Stated Meeting (Dress Casual) Taco Bar - Constitutional Observance

October 13, 2018 – Third Degree TBD

October 19-21, 2018 – Annual Communication in San Francisco (see www.freemason.org for schedule)

Looking Ahead into November

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

November 4, 2018 – Ceremony of Constitution (11:00 AM) with our Grand Master; Celebration Following @ 1:30 PM, Carnival Restaurant, 4356 Woodman Ave, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423. \$35/person, pay to WM Steve Wolvek in advance.

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Yet, we Masons strive to make ourselves better known to the outside world, in full daylight, with our goals, ideals, values, ethics, efforts and good deeds in the community.

Indeed, in the words of the Grand Lodge of California:

“We take responsibility for the well-being of our brothers, our families, and the community as a whole. We provide relief through philanthropy, community involvement, and delivery of excellent care.” See,

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

Also, “[b]y appreciating our differences, we learn to focus on what unites mankind.” *Id.*

That is, we also seek light (knowledge and understanding) from one another:

In our lodge, we are very lucky to be such a diverse group of men, and we appreciate our differences – “religious, ethnic, cultural, social, generational, and educational” (*id.*) – all the while striving to meet, act and part harmoniously. In our diversity is our strength. And, in this way, among others, we see the light by which Masons work at Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge.

P.S. On the other hand, let us not take ourselves too seriously here. Rather, let us end on a *lighter* note.

As told by Shalini (Casa Grande, AZ)::

“A small Lodge had had a string of bad luck. It was preparing to initiate a candidate on a steamy evening in June and its air conditioner had stopped working. After sweating their way through part of the work, the Master had asked the candidate what he most desired. The candidate replied “a beer”. At this juncture, the W.M., being startled, whispered “light” to the candidate. ‘OK,’ the candidate replied, ‘a lite beer.’” See,

<https://www.masonic-lodge-of-education.com/masonic-light-joke.html>.

Fraternally,
David I. Karp, Editor

CFS Daylight Lodge Officers

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.

From the East

Albert Pike declared: “What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.”

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge is and will be a shining light in a dark world because we all have adopted this principle. We have all put our personal needs second to the greater good of the Lodge and each other. We continue to grow and to set the standard for others to follow because of our selflessness..

We need to continue this spirit into the future and expand its reach. We need to care not only for our Brothers and their well being but also for their families as well. We need to continue to have events that bring our families together. And we need the compassion that causes us to take time to comfort and support those in need.

We are as vast as the open sky symbolized by our sky-blue ties. We come from different places, ideals, beliefs and traditions; nevertheless we truly look upon each other as Brothers and we unite as one shining light.

Our California Grand Lodge and Brothers in Freemasonry have taken notice of us. This is because what we have accomplished has taken the effort of everyone; and because of that – as Clarence F. Smith rolls into the future – we, its founding members and the Lodge’s foundation, will become its immortal soul.

Thank you to everyone as each of you has given so much to our future.

May we continue to shine brightly.

Fraternally from the East,
Wor. Steven A. Wolvek



From the West

Brethren,
This being my first time to address you from the West, it is my privilege to serve the Lodge.

Just as a reminder we meet at the Van Nuys Masonic Center on on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10:00 AM. Come out and see the fine work that your officers are doing.

Remember that your attendance at lodge is very much needed.

This has been a fast year and we are about to receive our charter. After Grand Lodge this year, there will be a ceremony at the Lodge on Noavember 4, when our charter will be presented. The event is open to the public, so come out and support your Lodge then and whenever possible.

If you have any questions or need help, come to Lodge and give the Three Pillars your situation. Transportation will be provided in some way if necessary.

Thank you very much for the privilege of serving you from the West. This, my Brothers, concludes my lecture.

PS: Remember your support is very much needed.

Fraternally from the West,
Bruce Hawley, PM,
Senior Warden



From the South

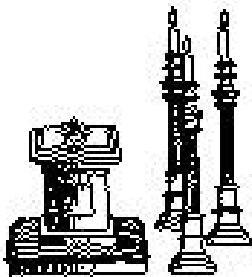
Brothers, October is here, and this signals the change in season. Change in itself is always a good thing. It denotes growth and maturity. As we continue to grow and mature as a lodge, we show our commitment to the craft and our beloved little lodge.

As change happens in the seasons and our lives, so does change happen in Masonry. We will be witnessing the change in the guard at Grand lodge, when we meet our new Grand Master at the Annual Communications in San Francisco. This year is also a landmark year for our Lodge especially since we are scheduled to receive our charter from the Grand Master. We have worked hard during the year and a half, and this is the result. We need to finalize our list of Brothers going to San Francisco soon and start collecting money for our expenses there.

Change in seasons also bring in reminders that flu season is coming. As your resident nurse, I urge everyone to get your annual flu shots. It is not a guarantee that you won't get sick, but it should lessen the effects for the majority of the time. Especially in the elderly, the flu can become debilitating, sometimes fatal. So please make your flu shot appointment soon.

Looking forward to going to San Francisco with you all.

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



From Our Secretary

Brothers, The accomplishments that our Lodge achieved since its inception a year and a half ago are the pride and joy of every member of the Lodge and the admiration of others at the highest levels of our large organization. Some of our accomplishments are:

1. Participating in the Ritual contest and placing second;
2. Initiating 11 Entered Apprentices; Passing six Fellowcrafts, and Raising one Master Mason;
3. Conducting a Third Degree at the Masonic Home in Covina and, after the ceremony, hosting a cook out for the Brothers and their wives who reside there;
4. Gathering for a Christmas Lunch;
5. Conducting a successful Paint Ball fund raising event.

There are still few short falls that we need to address:

1. Attendance. It is not enough to belong to a Lodge and pay the dues. Your presence in the Lodge during our meetings, especially the Stated Meeting, is imperative. Our newly Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts need to see a vibrant lodge to motivate. Please make every effort to attend at least the Stated Meetings.
2. Dues. A Lodge cannot operate without members paying their dues on time, especially when we have to pay Grand Lodge the per capita. Dues must be paid like you pay other bills. It is a waste of time and effort to spend time chasing Brothers to perform their duties.

All in all, we came a long way and will get our Charter next month. Thanks to all the Brothers for this achievement.

Fraternally,
Bro. Akram Al-Awar,
Secretary

From Our Treasurer

Brothers,
I will be leading a discussion about the US Constitution at our October Stated Meeting. Please join me, and the Brethren of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge, in our Constitutional Observance. You may find the presentation interesting and informative. I hope to see you there.

Fraternally,
Bro. Barry Mann, Treasurer

New Master Masons' Corner

We spotlight Rami Al-Awar, 28, in this edition of our newsletter. According to Bro. Rami, he became a Mason "to follow in my father's and grandfather's footsteps and to become a better man." (His father is Bro. Akram Al-Awar, the Secretary of our Lodge.)

When asked what Bro. Rami would like get out of Freemasonry, he answered, "I would like to get all the knowledge I can about Freemasons."

And, in response to the question, "What would you like to do for Freemasonry in general or this lodge in particular?" Bro. Rami states that he would like to help the lodge to "bring more people [into the lodge], especially [the] younger generation, to learn and understand that being a Mason not only makes you a better man but it makes the world you live in a better place – because of the way we think the things we do and how we help people in need."

Bro. Rami's interests include sports, music, family, volunteering, and law enforcement. He joined the volunteer surveillance team out of LAPD Devonshire Division to do volunteer surveillance work and has also joined Valley Area Search and Rescue (VASAR) out the the West Valley Community Police Station. He works for LA city recreation and Parks (Park Rangers division) and just got a job doing Security for the

federal government (DHS, ICE, IRS, FBI, BOP, SSA, USCE).

Bro. Rami is a graduate of Granada Hills High School and, between work and other commitments, has amassed most of the units required to transfer and study for his Bachelor's Degree.

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

More Member News

Here are some member celebrations retroactive to August:
In August, Celso & Crisandra Cardano celebrated their anniversary. So did Geri and David Karp. The Karps also happily report that their daughter, Hannah Karp Wiefel, M.D., begins work as a family physician at UCLA Health Woodland Hills on November 1, 2018. Best wishes for continued happiness and success.

Happy (September) Birthdays to the following: Celso Cardano, Lorraine Cardano, Barry Mann.

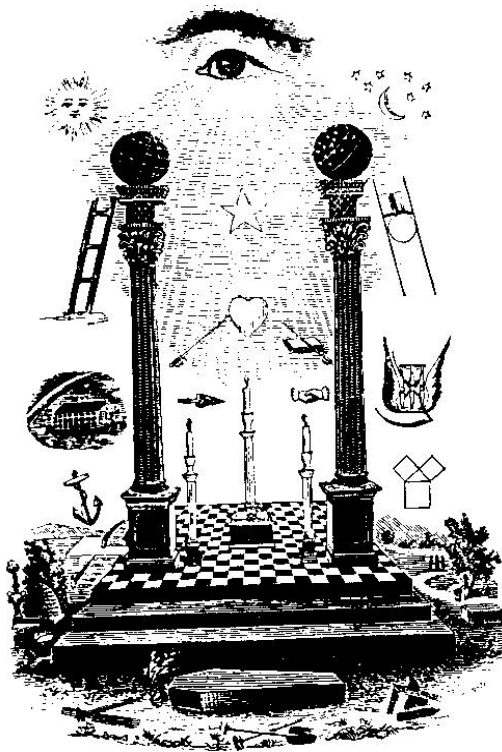
Happy (October) Birthdays to the following as well: Raja Al-Awar, Joseph T. Eden, Brigidio A. Mandia, Roger L. Soriano, Christopher E. Robles.

Congratulations to Virgil Maravillas, Spo Khachatryan, and Barry Mann on achieving Second Place in Masonic Division Seven's Masonic Ritual Competition.

Sadly, we acknowledge that Captain Clarence F. Smith, for whom our lodge is named, died on October 1, 1918, in France, in the fighting in the Argonne Forest where he was known to be in action. May his memory be for a blessing.

Editor's Note re Member News

Additional member news is welcome in subsequent editions of this newsletter, including but not limited to personal 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 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.

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