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Lifting the Fog of Freemasonry

Foreword . . .

I have been thinking that October and fog have a connection, in part because both appear in a work entitled *The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock* by T. S. Eliot¹, which is a favorite of mine (see, <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/poems/44212/the-love-song-of-j-alfred-prufrock>), and also because, on average, there are 10 days of fog in Los Angeles in October (see, <https://www.currentresults.com/Weather/US/clo-ud-fog-city-october.php>).

I think, too, that there is a connection between Freemasonry and fog.

According to the Dictionary of Symbolism, “[Among other things,] Fog illustrates *obscurity, indistinction; in the Bible, it is an image preceding great revelations....*” See, <http://umich.edu/~umfandsf/symbolismproject/symbolism.html/F/fog.html> (emphasis added).

It seems to me that a Non-Mason has certain murky ideas about the Craft, which, among other reasons, is why we worked so hard to educate, inform, and clear up the fog of unfamiliarity for

¹“The yellow fog that rubs its back upon the window-panes, ...

“Licked its tongue into the corners of the evening, ...

“Slipped by the terrace, made a sudden leap,

“And seeing that it was a *soft October night*,

“Curled once about the house, and fell asleep.” [emphasis added].

our guests at our recent Open House. (By the way, thanks to all who participated in the event; it was a success on so many levels.)

There is fog in our three degrees as well:

The new candidate for the Entered Apprentice degree experiences *obscurity and indistinction* when first entering the lodge, as in a dense and blinding fog, and gropes his way toward the light of Freemasonry as yet unseen.

Later, the candidate for the Second Degree learns that the principles of Freemasonry are becoming incrementally more clear, as if the fog is lifting somewhat, but he is aware that there are some unknowns ahead that remain indistinct.

Finally, the candidate for the Third Degree, although disoriented as before and uncertain of what’s ahead, comes out of the fog altogether as he experiences the *greatest revelations* of the Craft in the full daylight of our lodge.

So, to me, lifting the fog of Freemasonry means moving through the degrees in our lodge, a goal which we hope to inspire in all who knock on the door.

As you move through this edition, you will find in addition to the usual inclusions, an article about “October Term, Judicial Review and Bro. John Marshall,” a piece on the history of Prince Hall Masonry, and one about Bro. Nat King Cole. Happy Reading!

Fraternally,
David I. Karp, Editor

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October Term, Judicial Review and Bro. John Marshall

Article III of the Constitution vests the judicial power of the United States in one Supreme Court and such other inferior courts as Congress establishes. This is commonly referred to as the Judicial Branch of government, as compared with the Legislative Branch under Article I and the Executive Branch under Article II.

A Term of the United States Supreme Court begins, by statute, on the first Monday in October. See, <https://www.supremecourt.gov/about/procedures.aspx>. A session of the Supreme Court is often referred to as its “October Term,” which is why this article appears in our October newsletter.

The cases scheduled to be heard and decided for October Term 2019 can be found here: <https://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/terms/ot2019/>.

The Supreme Court engages in what is referred to as “judicial review.” In other words, the Court looks to see whether the laws or rules enacted by the federal or any state legislature, or executive actions by the president or the executive branch, are or are not constitutional, the U.S. Constitution being paramount.

Judicial review is one of the checks and balances in the separation of powers. See, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Judicial_review.

The idea of the Constitution being the supreme law of the land is not written in the Constitution itself. The idea came from the Supreme Court, along with the concept of judicial review, in a seminal case called *Marbury*

v. Madison, 5 U.S. 137 (1803), decided by the Marshall Court. You can read the decision here: <https://www.oyez.org/cases/1789-1850/5us137>.

Some of the most famous lines in the decision by Chief Justice, John Marshall, are these:

“It is emphatically the duty of the Judicial Department to say what the law is. Those who apply the rule to particular cases must, of necessity, expound and interpret the rule. If two laws conflict with each other, the Court must decide on the operation of each.” *Marbury, supra*, 5 U.S. 137, 177.

“If courts are to regard the Constitution, and the Constitution is superior to any ordinary act of the legislature, the Constitution, and not such ordinary act, must govern the case to which they both apply.” *Id.* at 178.

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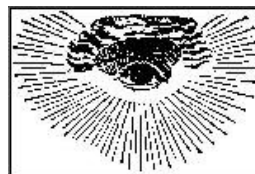
October Trestleboard

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

- Oct. 5 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)
- Oct. 12 Double First Degree Conferral, 10AM (Dress: formal)
- Oct. 18-20 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, San Francisco
- October 19 - Lodge Dark for Annual Comm.

Looking Ahead into November

- Nov. 2 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)
- Nov. 16 - Degree TBD
- Nov. 23 MERT Training (10AM)
- Nov. 24 Serving Breakfast at Midnight Mission (with Scouts)
- Nov. 28 Happy Thanksgiving



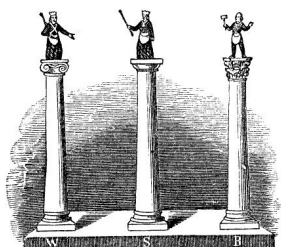
["Marshall,' continued from p. 2]

It is widely held that Chief Justice John Marshall was a Freemason. See, https://www.masonrytoday.com/index.php?newmonth_9&new_day_24&new_year_2016. According to the cited article, "It is unclear when Marshall joined Freemasonry. It is believed, in part supported by Marshall himself, that he joined during the winter at Valley Forge. What is known is that he was a member of Richmond Lodge No. 13 and Richmond-Randolph Lodge No. 19 both in Richmond, Virginia. He was also a member of Richmond Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons. In 1793 to 1795 he served as the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia." *Id.*

Many other Supreme Court Justices were Freemasons. See, http://www.themasonictrowel.com/Articles/General/about_individual_files/us_supreme_court_justices_were_masons.htm. (At least one Supreme Court Justice, Thurgood Marshall, was a Prince Hall Mason, *id.* see related article later in this newsletter.)

It is not surprising that there were numerous Justices on the Court who were Masons; as Freemasons, we are taught, and hold, that justice is the very cement and support of civil society and that justice should be the guide of all our actions (just as the Constitution should be the guide of all of the government's actions).

Respectfully submitted,
David I. Karp, Editor



From the East

Brothers, We've had a great September. I'm really pleased as to our progress and activities so far this year. This is all credited to all of you who, week in and week out, put in 101% effort in making our little lodge a success in putting us on the map.

Our September Open House event was another example of this effort. This great effort was evidenced by a great public response in attendance. We had a total of 21 responses (plus more after the event!), of which 14 showed up. We got great responses and positive feedback from them. Looking forward to meeting with them individually soon if they come back. Thank you Brother David for your lead on this event.

Looking ahead, we have the rest of the year to look forward to. Particularly the month of October where we will be having a busy month. At the stated meeting, we will be discussing a couple of changes in our bylaws to reflect a couple of housekeeping issues, namely:

1. Our application fees for new members should now reflect \$455, an increase of \$5 to pay for the increase in background check fees that the Grand Lodge has imposed. Our new application fee should say \$455 instead of \$450.

2. Our Annual dues have been posted as \$100 plus per capita. Often times, we have a per-capita that is not in whole dollar amounts which makes our dues not in whole numbers, so I am proposing that we revise our bylaws to say that our dues shall be \$100 plus per capita AND rounded to the nearest whole dollar. This will make it easy for the secretary and treasurer to handle cash payments, as well as easy for us to convey to our members the exact dues. This practice has been adopted by other lodges for these specific reasons.

Unfortunately, due to an annual professional conference which I must attend, I will not be [continues on p. 4, see "East"]

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present to run our October stated meeting. Which is why I am sending this in advance, as I am sure Worshipful Celso can handle this meeting with no problems at all.

We also have Annual Communications at Grand Lodge in San Francisco coming on the 18th, 19th, and 20th of October. We will be making our annual trek to San Francisco again, and this time as a full fledged voting member of the event. Very exciting!

Closing up the year, we have three more degree days left as well as our Masonic Emergency Response Team (MERT) Training on Nov 23 and Midnight Mission breakfast service with the Scouts BSA on Nov 24, and our Holiday Party to finish out the year.

Thank you all for your support.

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

From the West

Brethren,
Congratulations to Brother Raffi Hovhannisyan for being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason! It's been a long time coming, and this path to finally becoming a Master Mason was truly a rough and rugged road. I'm so glad that through it all, you stuck with and pursued your Masonic Journey. Congratulations again, my Brother.

Also, congratulations to the Lodge for hosting its first Open House on Saturday, September 14th. A special thank you to Brother David Karp for his efforts to organize and coordinate the event. Our lodge continues to grow as we find new ways to reach out to those interested in searching for light in Freemasonry.

As we look ahead to October, we will have the Grand Lodge Annual Communications in San Francisco. If you are interested in attending please see the Master, Roger Soriano, so that we

can accommodate transportation and hotel rooms.

Lastly, to our 2020 Officers, please make sure to qualify for your respective positions. The November elections is upon us and we need to be fully qualified in order to serve the lodge.

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

From our Secretary

Brethren,
Month after month, our goal has been to become the best in the West, and we are getting there.

We had a very successful Third Degree Conferral, and thanks to all who participated.

We also had a successful Open House event which resulted in handing out eight or nine applications for the visitors who showed interest and requested them.

These are all marks of our outstanding work which add to the reputation of our young but vibrant Lodge.

These questions remain for our members:

How can we help our Brothers who are Entered Apprentices to advance in their Masonic journey?

And for our Entered Apprentices, speak up and tell us: how we can help you? Contact any officer or our candidate's coach so that you, too, can learn more of our hidden mysteries and enjoy all that our Craft has to offer you.²

Finally, all these successes cannot continue without the attendance and active participation of all of the Brothers. We should honor our commitment to our lodge.

Fraternally,
Bro. Akram Alawar,
Secretary

² Editor's note: This is not unlike lifting the fog of Freemasonry as discussed in the prologue to this edition.

Upcoming Lodge Events

Here are some upcoming events other than our regularly scheduled meetings:

October 12, 2019 Double First Degree

October 18-20, 2019 Annual

Communication of the Grand Lodge of California. More information on freemason.org.

November 23, 2019 MERT Training at the lodge (10AM)

November 24, 2019 Serving Breakfast at Midnight Mission (with Scouts BSA)

December 21, 2019 Holiday Luncheon after Lodge meeting.

[The Third Wednesday Breakfasts are on hold as we look into alternatives in which more of the Brothers can participate.]



[Above: Bro. Johnny Lebrilla receives the Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge Award.]



Member News

October birthdays: Raja Alawar and Bros. Joseph T. Eden; Roger L. Soriano, Brigido A. Mandia; Christopher E. Robles.

October Third Degree Anniversaries: Bros. Bruce L. Hawley; Spartak Khachatryan; Allan Mandia, Tony Nader, Thomas K. Sheehan.

Congratulations to Bro. Johnny Lebrilla [see image at left] who, last month, received the Clarence F, Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 Award, for his exceptional service to our lodge.

Congratulations also to Bro. Raffi Hovhannisyan on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on September 21, 2019. (See image below.)

Wor. Steven Wolvek is still collecting recipes for an anticipated fund-raising recipe book for the lodge. Send him your favorites!



[Above: Bro. Raffi Hovhannisyan, with his Brothers, after being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.]



Prince Hall Masons are our Brothers.

Prince Hall Masonry is a line of Freemasonry that is parallel to the one we know well. It developed in the 18th Century, when societal norms were different from now.

On October 14, 1989, the Grand Lodge of Connecticut recognized the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Connecticut. This was the first U.S. recognition of Prince Hall Masonry that remained in force. It led to similar actions by more than 2/3 of all U.S. Grand Lodges. <http://bessel.org/datemas.htm>, including the Grand Lodge of California in 1994 and 1995 according to our Grand Secretary, plus 41 other states and the District of Columbia. See, <https://www.msana.com/princehall.asp>.

Following is a history of Prince Hall Masonry as told by the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, at <http://www.princehall.org/459/main.html>, without further reference.

On March 6, 1775, Prince Hall and 14 men of color were made masons in Lodge #441 of the Irish Registry attached to the 38th British Foot Infantry at Castle William Island in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts. It marked the first time that Black men were made masons in America.

About a year later, since the conflict between England and America had commenced, the British Foot Infantry left Boston, along with its lodge, leaving Prince Hall and his associates without a lodge. Before the lodge left, Worshipful Master Batt, gave them a "permit" to meet as a lodge and bury their dead in manner and form. This permit, however, did not allow them to do any "masonic work" or to take in any new members.

Under it, African Lodge was organized on July 3, 1776, with Prince Hall as the worshipful master. It wasn't long before this lodge received an additional "permit" from Provincial Grand

Master John Rowe to walk in procession on St. John's Day.

On March 2, 1784, African Lodge #1 petitioned the Grand Lodge of England, the Premier or Mother Grand Lodge of the world, for a warrant (or charter), to organize a regular masonic lodge, with all the rights and privileges thereunto prescribed.

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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 (2019)

*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.

[“Prince Hall, continued from p. 6]

The Grand Lodge of England issued a charter on September 29, 1784 to African Lodge #459, the first lodge of Blacks in America.

African Lodge #459 grew and prospered to such a degree that Worshipful Master Prince Hall was appointed a Provincial Grand Master, in 1791, and out of this grew the first Black Provincial Grand Lodge.

In 1797 he organized a lodge in Philadelphia and one in Rhode Island. These lodges were designated to work under the charter of African Lodge #459.

In December 1808, one year after the death of Prince Hall, African Lodge #459 (Boston), African Lodge #459 (Philadelphia) and Hiram Lodge #3 (Providence) met in a general assembly of the craft and organized African Grand Lodge (sometime referred to as African Grand Lodge #1).

In 1847, out of respect for their founding father and first Grand Master, Prince Hall, they changed their name to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the name it carries today. In 1848 Union Lodge #2, Rising Sons of St. John #3 and Celestial Lodge #4 became the first lodges organized under the name Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

From these beginnings, there now are some 5,000 lodges and 47 grand lodges who trace their lineage to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts....

[Editor’s Note: Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge always welcomes and enjoys the fellowship of all Masons including Prince Hall Masons, without differentiation.]



CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2019

Worshipful Master Rogelio (“Roger”) L. Soriano

Senior Warden Celso V. Cardano, Jr., P.M.

Junior Warden Open.

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.

Our Brother Nat King Cole and His Lodge

With the change in seasons, the jazz standard “Autumn Leaves,” written by Joseph Kosma in about 1945, comes to mind.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autumn_Leaves_\(1945_song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Autumn_Leaves_(1945_song)) .

In 1955, Bro. Nathaniel Adams Coles, aka Nat King Cole, famously recorded the song (*id.*). He was a Prince Hall Mason. See also,

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nat_King_Cole .

“Brother Nat King Cole was a member of Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49, PHA, Los Angeles, California. He joined in 1938. The lodge was founded by a group of African - American musicians who were members of Musicians Local 767, and Cole joined with his friend and drummer Lee Young. Nat King Cole remained faithful to Masonic principles his whole life he saw himself as a builder of musical architecture, but he built more than music. His music helped to bring people and races together.”

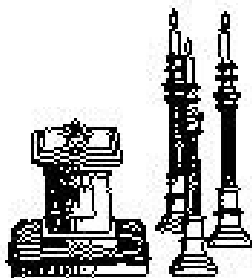
http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2012/02/famous-freemason-nat-king-cole-escape_03.html .

Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49, was named in honor of jazz legend “Fats” Waller, whose full name was Thomas Wright Waller.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nat_King_Cole ;

<https://cladriteradio.com/tag/freemason/> ;

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fats_Waller .



Masonic Haiku

Humbly submitted by your editor:

Why are we Masons?
We want to be better men.
And the Craft guides us.

Ethical and just.
We have our rituals too.
That's fraternity.

We give charity.
We look after each other.
We also have fun.

In all that we do
We learn to improve ourselves.
To be 1 Ask 1.

-David I. Karp

On the Lighter Side

A Candidate for initiation was to be picked up and driven to the Lodge, but before this could happen the car broke down. The Candidate said as no great distance was involved he would go on his bicycle. Just when he reached the top of the hill his chain broke. As the Lodge was at the bottom of the other side and all he needed was a backpedal brake, he repaired the chain with a cord he had in his pocket and free-wheeled downhill to the Lodge. Later that evening in reply to a toast in his honour, he said how proud he was to be a Freemason but could not understand, as he had told no one, how the WM knew that he had come on his own free wheel and a cord.

From

<http://www.freemasons-freemasonry.com/jokes.html>