

In the



Daylight

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Freemasonry and Harmony

Foreword ...

Coming up with a title and/or theme for each of these monthly newsletters has become a challenge. If you think about it, this is the 25th monthly edition of our Trestle Board, the first having been published for October 2018.

I have finally settled on “Freemasonry and Harmony” as a theme as we begin “Volume 3” of “In the Daylight.” Not only because I have a background in music [trumpet/piano] but for a more salient reason:

We seem to be living through perhaps the most divisive time I/we have ever experienced politically, socially, culturally, financially.

By contrast, I feel that our Lodge, virtually or in-person, provides a sanctuary away from all of that, an oasis of peace, fellowship, kindness and concern for one another.

It is such a relief to experience consonance rather than dissonance, Brotherly Love instead of hatred, camaraderie instead of division. Truly, “how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”

I note that in the prayer at the opening of our meetings, the word “harmony” is not only present but it is key to setting the tone. It appears in both the usual and the alternate invocations. In the latter, the Chaplain prays that “this meeting, begun in order, may be conducted in peace and closed in harmony.”

As we continue along our paths of personal growth, may we also set an example outside of

the Lodge with that harmony that we experience inside it. May we spread the cement of Brotherly Love, show dignity and respect for others; demonstrate kindness, concern and care for all human beings; and teach how it is that Masons can best work and best agree.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp
Editor.

October/November Trestle Board

When we meet in person, we meet on 1st/3rd Saturdays at 10:00 AM except as otherwise noted. However, the Grand Master of Masons in California is not yet permitting in-person Masonic events. Instead we continue our Masonic Fellowship meetings via Zoom, THURSDAYS, 7PM. Monthly themes for this period are: October Recognizing First Responders; November Giving Thanks.

Always check iMember2.0 for changes.

Harmony in Freemasonry

Quoted from <https://freemasonry.network/what-is-freemasonry/the-ethics-of-freemasonry/masonic-ideals/harmony/> :

Freemasonry is an attempt to organize harmony, and therefore it is essential that all its arrangements for the promotion of concord should be of the most perfect character and most delicately adjusted. Whatever tends in the least degree to produce disagreement and discord, to cause a jarring and clashing among the elements composing the society, or any of its branches, must have a tendency to defeat the purposes of the Institution, must in itself be destructive of the spirit of Masonry, and must be something foreign to that spirit, something not to be cultivated, but to be avoided by Masons. Masons are supposed by the profane to be religiously devoted to the maintenance among themselves of harmonic principles, and this supposition is based upon the professions which Masons and Masonic writers and advocates have ever made to the world. The supposition is well-grounded, and the profession does not exaggerate the intention of all true Masons. The Masonic Monthly, February 1867



Another Brother's Reflection on Masonic Harmony

This is from a "Reflection by David Hughes" as quoted from <https://www.freemasonrytoday.com/features/masonic-harmony/> :

"The lodge room is where one can put aside the strife of life and enter an atmosphere where all is quiet and orderly, where each officer has his prescribed duty and each brother works together with perfect ease and confidence. In the lodge our members meet and get to know one another and to share common hopes and ideals.

It is this philosophy of life that Freemasonry has given me and others that has governed our attitudes and actions in life.

I was initiated into York Lodge, No. 236, and was particularly struck by the individual attention and friendship given to me on that night. That impression has never left me. The early years are perhaps the most important for this is the time when the character of a mason is formed....

The principles of Freemasonry can be interpreted differently by each mason although we all have to conform to Grand Lodge but it is in the private lodge that the individual is influenced. Here we meet and embrace a common goal and find that as the years pass by we have achieved a richness and fulfilment of life.

Freemasonry shapes character. I have this unshakeable belief that Freemasonry is good for the soul; it gives to all of its members, whatever their profession or talents, something that will make their lives more interesting and successful. It operates on each of us individually but to see Brethren develop in confidence and understanding is a joy to behold....

Outsiders who are not members of our order will continue to question Freemasonry. Those of us who embrace the philosophy and principles of masonry have a duty to prove to them that men can meet in friendship and unity for the good of all.

David Hughes is the Curator of the library and museum of York Lodge, No. 236.

Harmony Must Be Important: Here is a List of Lodges with that Name

This is just a sampling from a Google search:

Harmony Lodge No. 9 F.& A.M.,
Cranston, RI 02920, <https://harmony9.org/> ;

Harmony Lodge No. 17, F.A.A.M.,
Washington D.C., <http://harmony17faam.org/> ;

Harmony Lodge No. 21, F. & A.M., , Logan,
UT,
<https://www.loganmasonictemple.org/index.html>

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Harmony Masonic Lodge No. 3, F. & A. M.,
Marianna, FL,
<https://www.facebook.com/haronymasoniclodge/> ;

Harmony Lodge #6, A.F. & A.M., Galveston,
TX, <http://www.harmonylodge6.com/main.html>

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Harmony Lodge #18, Olympia, WA,
<http://www.harmony18.org/> ;

Harmony Lodge No. 8, Urbana, IL,
<https://www.urbanamasonic.com/> ;

Harmony Lodge #18, F. & A.M., Tom's
River, NJ, <https://harmonylodge18.com/> ;

Harmony Lodge No. 67, New Canaan, CT,
<https://lodge067.ctfreemasons.net/> .

(There's probably more, but on to other things.)



[Image marked "Nathan Hanford House .. First Home of Harmony Lodge, [CT]. Attribution: <https://lodge067.ctfreemasons.net/our-lodge-history/>]

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 Ibrahlim 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



[Bro. Duke Ellington. Image attribution:
<https://freemasonry.network/famous-freemasons/famous-freemasons-alphabetical-list/duke-ellington-a-freemason/>]

The Harmony of Jazz and Freemasonry

The following are excerpts from a presentation by Tuncel Gulsoy & Alan J. Hutchison entitled “Jazz and Freemasonry: Two Years Later” available at <http://web.mit.edu/dryfoo/Masonry/Essays/jazz2-masonry.pdf> .

“Louis Armstrong was a member of Lodge Montgomery No. 18, Prince Hall Affiliation, New York. He also recorded “You Made Me Love You”, also recorded by another Mason, Al Jolson.

“William ‘Count’ Basie was a member of both a Craft Lodge and Shriner Temple under the Prince Hall Affiliation, New York.

“Irving Berlin was a member of Munn Lodge No.190, New York City, the Scottish Rite Valley of New York City, and Mecca Shrine Temple. He wrote the song “God Bless America” for his 1918 musical “Yip, Yip, Yaphank.” The song today is regarded by many as America’s second national anthem and is regularly sung at Masonic Lodge functions.

“George Cohan was a Life member of Pacific Lodge No. 233, New York City, being raised there November 16,1905. He received his 32° AASR (NJ) on February 3, 1906. He was also a life Member of Mecca Shrine Temple, New York City.

“Nat ‘King’ Cole was initiated in Thomas Waller Lodge No. 49, Los Angeles, Prince Hall Affiliation.

“Edward Kennedy ‘Duke’ Ellington was initiated in Social Lodge No. 1 Washington D.C., Prince Hall Affiliation. His impressions of initiation were recorded in his song “I’m beginning to see the light”, which was also sung by Louis Armstrong.

“Al Jolson was a member of St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, New York City.

“Antoine Joseph Sax was initiated in Lodge Les Vrais Amis de l’Union in 1842.

“Paul Whitman was a member of St. Cecile Lodge #569 in New York.”

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“The Freemasons ... founded The United States as the embodiment of the ideal Masonic Republic, and the new state ... founded her own music, jazz...”

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“Jazz is widely accepted as a form of music. It ... originated from the city of New Orleans at [the] Mississippi delta region of United States about one hundred years ago. It ... spread out along to the northern parts of United States through this river.”

“[As in Freemasonry,] [t]hose musicians who ply jazz do it together while hearing, supporting and completing each other. The real goal is always exceeding yourself and becoming better *while being in harmony* with other fellow musicians, preserving your individuality while being a part of the whole. [Emphasis added.]”



Grand Masters Proclamation

OCTOBER 2020 IS FIRST RESPONDERS MONTH

California Masonry: Rooted in the Gold Country, Forged in Ideals

Whereas more than 4.6 million people in the United States work as professional or volunteer firefighters, police, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics; and

Whereas those men and women embody the values of sacrifice and bravery, often putting their lives in danger in support of those they don't even know; and

Whereas October 28 is now recognized by the U.S. government as National First Responders Day; and

Whereas these first responders are deserving of our thanks and recognition;

As grand master, I therefore proclaim October 2020 to be First Responders Month in California.

Each year, first responders help ensure the safety of our communities and neighbors. Nationally, firefighters are responding every 24 seconds to a call for distress; more than 100 a year die in the line of duty. Emergency medical service workers help some 22 million people per year, and more than 240 million calls for help are made each year to 911. In recognition of these men and women's enormous sacrifice, I call on California Masons to celebrate their service this month either by arranging events in lodge to pay thanks to local first responders or by volunteering their time and funds to give back to first responders in their community. Masons are committed to improving their communities and the world. By honoring those who take on an outside role in caring for

our communities, we help to fulfill that obligation.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John E. Trauner

Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou

Grand Secretary

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.

While We're on the Subject: Harmony in Music

Quoted From <https://courses.lumenlearning.com/musicappreciation-with-theory/chapter/harmony-overview/>

Barbershop quartets . . . sing 4-part pieces, made up of a melody line (normally the lead) and 3 harmony parts. When you have more than one pitch sounding at the same time in music, the result is harmony. Harmony is one of the basic elements of music, but it is not as basic as some other elements, such as rhythm and melody. You can have music that is just rhythms, with no pitches at all. You can also have music that is just a single melody, or just a melody with rhythm accompaniment.

Harmony is two or more notes played together at the same time. As soon as there is more than one pitch sounding at a time, you have harmony. Even if nobody is actually playing chords, or even if the notes are part of independent contrapuntal lines, you can hear the relationship of any notes that happen at the same time, and it is this relationship that makes the harmony.

Note: Harmony does not have to be particularly “harmonious”; it may be quite dissonant, in fact. For the purpose of definitions, the important fact is the notes sounding at the same time.

Harmony is the most emphasized and most highly developed element in Western music, and can be the subject of an entire course on music theory.

In music, harmony is the use of simultaneous pitches (tones, notes), or chords. The study of harmony involves chords and their construction and chord progressions and the principles of connection that govern them. Harmony is often said to refer to the “vertical” aspect of music, as distinguished from melodic line, or the “horizontal” aspect.

In many types of music, notably baroque, romantic, modern and jazz, chords are often augmented with “tensions”. A tension is an additional chord member that creates a relatively dissonant interval in relation to the bass. Typically, in the classical common practice period a dissonant chord (chord with tension) “resolves” to a consonant chord. Harmonization usually sounds pleasant to the ear when there is a balance between the consonant and dissonant sounds. In simple words, that occurs when there is a balance between “tense” and “relaxed” moments.



The Collar Jewel of a
Lodge Organist.

[Image attribution:

<http://www.lodgedevotion.net/devotionnews/masonic-music-related-articles/masonic-music>]

Not every Lodge is as fortunate as we are to have a professional musician as a member who takes on the privileges and duties of Lodge Organist. Our Organist this year is Brother Majd Fahma who was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 21, 2019. When we can meet again in Lodge, we look forward to hearing his melodies and harmonies which accompany our degree work. Thanks for being there, Bro. Majd.

Music in Freemasonry

Excerpted from “The Value and Meaning of Music within Freemasonry” by Bro Ange of Lord Carrington Lodge 111 & Lodge of Evolution 931 UGLV, available at <http://www.lodgedevotion.net/devotionnews/masonic-music-related-articles/masonic-music>.

As Freemasons we are advised to study and appreciate the seven liberal arts and sciences. These are known by us, one and all, as grammar, logic, rhetoric, astronomy, arithmetic, geometry & music.

Music has an important place within the workings of the Lodge, and is evident with the installation of the Lodge Organist (where they are present) and, within United Grand Lodge Victoria (UGLV) itself, the Grand Organist....

Music’s history is found within Freemasonry long before the formal foundation of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria. It is found in the consecration of the UGLV, and in a vast number of ensuing concerts... [including] concerts written specifically for the UGLV, for Her Majesty Queen Victoria’s Golden Jubilee, for HRH the Prince of Wales, and much more.

It is found intertwined with the fact that some ‘earlier’ Masons were exceptionally talented and well known musicians. People such as the Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and the amazing Gilbert and Sullivan. Haydn, Sibelius, Ludwig Beethoven, J S Bach, Puccini, Franz Liszt... as well as more recently John Phillip Souza, George M Cohan, de Saint Georges and Irving Berlin.

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Music is a measure by which we can create harmony and contentment within a Lodge, as well as sending a message related to a particular officer of the Lodge, a message sometimes with a degree of humour as when a Treasurer arises and the Organist plays the ABBA song, “Money, Money Money”.

It adds dimensions to rituals and to a variety of ceremonies, to our varied degree work and in one sense to “filling otherwise empty space”,

although its relevance and enjoyment go far further.



More From the Grand Lodge: Virtual Annual Communicatoin this Year in October

Annual Communication this year will not be in-person but online. Register via iMember2.0 (click the “2020 Virtual Annual Communication” tile and follow the links). Here is a tentative itinerary for October 10-11, 2020 as announced last month.

Saturday, October 10, 2020

Business session 10:00 AM 12:30 PM
 Welcome by the Grand Master
 Invocation by the Grand Chaplain
 Registration report and orientation to technology
 Grand Master’s Message and Video
 Trial Review Committee Report
 2020-2021 Budget Proposal
 2021-2022 Per Capita Proposal
 Election of Officers
 Benediction
 Adjournment

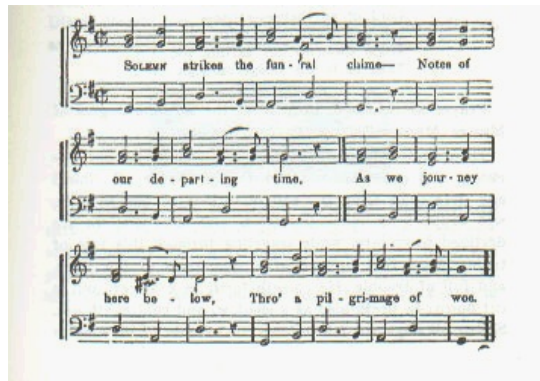
Sunday October 11, 2020

Public ceremonies, 9:15 10:15 AM
 --Welcome
 --Invocation
 --Grand Master’s Youth Support Award
 --Grand Master’s Mason of the Year Award
 --Grand Master’s Lifetime Achievement Award
 --Farewell remarks
 Break, 10:15 AM 10:30 AM
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Installation of Officers 10:30 AM 12:00 PM

- Grand Lodge Officer Installation
- Grand Master's Message
- Benediction
- Adjournment

Please keep in mind that our Worshipful Brother, Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., PM is set to be installed as Grand Sword Bearer during this period. It will mean a lot to him if as many of us as possible can attend and witness this installation.



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Pleyel's Hymn (Our Attempt at Harmony)

Excerpted from the July 2016 Trestleboard of Fidalgo Lodge #77, Anacortes, WA, available at <http://anacortesmasons.org/july-2016-trestleboard.pdf> [sources cited therein].

“The ‘Masonic Dirge,’ sung [on certain occasions in Lodge]..., originated in a melody written in 1791 by Brother Ignaz Joseph Pleyel. Brother Pleyel was a student of another Masonic brother, Joseph Hayden.

“The melody appears in a number of church hymnals, and it was even used as the church recessional in the movie Mrs. Miniver.

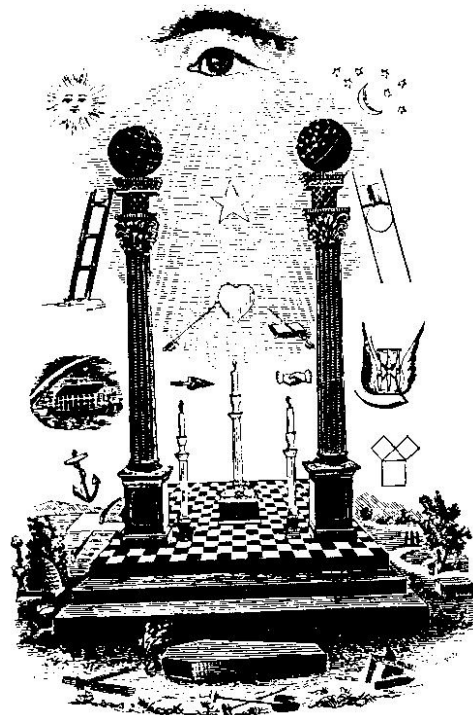
“The lyrics for the ‘Masonic Dirge,’ were written in 1813 by another mason, Brother David Vinton, an itinerant American masonic lecturer, who was known to have taught the York Rite degree work in North Carolina and Georgia.

“Apparently there is little evidence of this hymn’s use outside the U. S., with the exception of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and in American Lodges overseas, particularly in George Washington Lodge No. 585 A.F.&A.M. in Vicenza, Italy.

“Georgia, Mississippi, Texas and parts of Alabama use another hymn, ‘Hark From the Tombs a Doleful Sound,’ which is sung to the tune of ‘Auld Lang Syne’ written by another Mason, Brother Robert Burns.

“Originally, the Masonic Dirge had eight stanzas....”

[Editor’s Note: My 1989 version of the Monitor and Officer’s Manual shows only three stanzas in use in California. Even so, we do our best to sing harmoniously when called upon to do so.]



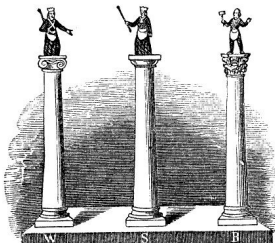
Member Spotlight – Celso V. Cardano, Jr., Master of the Lodge

Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM, 39, is a family man, married to his beautiful wife, Crisandra, since 2011 and the father of four adorable children. He is also a civil engineer, a REALTOR®, a graduate student at USC, even an inventor. He raises puppies, too, and is a friend to all.

Wor. Celso is a leader. He is a Past Master of Granada Hills No. 378 and sits in the East for a second time, now, as Worshipful Master of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866. His leadership style is respectful, self-assured, selfless, humble, supportive and courteous with a light touch in directing the course and scope of our work. Despite the demands of home, work and graduate school, he is generous with his time and participates willingly in our weekly Zoom meetings during this pandemic (which precludes our work in the Lodge).

Wor. Celso was initiated, passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at Granada Hills No. 378 in 2008 and has held the offices there of Senior Steward, Senior Deacon, Junior and Senior Wardens, Master, and Officers Coach. He affiliated with our Lodge at the time of its formation in 2017. By 2019 he was sitting in the West as our Senior Warden and was elected and installed as Master of the Lodge for the 2020 Masonic year.

The members of this Lodge are grateful for your service, Worshipful, and proud to call you our Brother.



From the East

Brethren, October is First Responders month and Breast Cancer awareness month!

As to First Responders, let us take the time to give thanks to those who have effortlessly put their lives on the line to help those in need, especially during a worldwide health pandemic with COVID-19. Clarence F Smith Daylight Lodge #866 would like especially to thank all of our members and Brethren in the Craft who are First Responders who work in the medical field and those in law enforcement. Thank you for keeping us safe, thank you for your bravery and sacrifice, thank you for supporting those in need and thank you for all that you do.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Let us wear pink to bring awareness and also take the time to reach out to those who may have been affected with cancer. This cause is near to me as I personally have family members who have been affected by cancer. This is a great reminder continuously to support patients who are affected by this disease by supporting those in need. This can be as simple as offering to drive them to and from their treatments. There are also several ways to get involved like donating clothes to chemo centers or money to help fund research initiatives (Chemo Angels [<https://www.chemoangels.com/>] or the American Cancer Society [<https://www.cancer.org/cancer/breast-cancer.html>]).

Lastly for the first time in 171 years, the Grand Lodge of California will host the Annual Communications virtually. This will be held on October 10th and 11th. Saturday is a business session open to all Master Masons and Sunday is a public ceremony and installation is open to all. Let us congratulate Worshipful Brother Alberto Casanova for being installed as the Grand Sword [continues on next page, see “East”]

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Bearer for the State of California. He is truly an inspiration and an example definitely worth emulating. Congratulations again my brother. See the link below for the Grand Lodge Annual Communication registration.

<https://masons.informz.net/informzdataservice/onlineversion/ind/bWFpbGluZ2luc3RhbmNlaWQ9ODA5NDkyMyZzdWJzY3JpYmVyaWQ9OTA3NTMxNjA0> .

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

From the West

Brethren,
Hello, I hope all are well and safe. September has now marked a half way point of a fiscal year since the start of this pandemic. All of our meetings and all activities have been compromised due to the current situation. Our fraternal activities are at a standstill. As the upcoming Master of the Lodge (assuming, of course, election and installation), I hope that the next half will present us with the opportunity to advance some of our Brothers who have been waiting in line. I hope that in the year 2021 we will not be faced with the pandemic any longer and we can all resume to our normal lifestyles. Hopefully next year, whatever we have missed we can catch up or optimistically double. With all that said, the most important thing is health and happiness and I wish that for you all.

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



From the South

Brethren,
I hope you and your loved ones are all healthy and well. As we continue these times filled with uncertainty let's remain focused. The Great Architect of the Universe shines the light to show our love for each other always, by loving others as ourselves, being servant leaders, and helping to make the changes needed in this world. May love, peace and kindness rule our world and be in all our hearts.

I want to thank those of you who always participate in our weekly Friday zoom meetings. I know there's a lot going on right now so I sincerely appreciate you taking the time to improve the online experience and to ensure that we are creating an environment where each of us feels valued, included, and engaged in the important work we are doing to our community.

As a global organization and community, we must stand in solidarity and lead with empathy and compassion, and denounce negative behaviors wherever they occur. Inclusion, diversity, and respect are deeply embedded in our Mission and our fraternal vision. These values guide the way we work, the way we interact with each other, and the way we deliver on our commitments to others and our members. This will never change.

Let us all walk together as Brethren and cast our influence meaningfully among all who dwell under the canopy of heaven. In improving the lives of others, we improve our own lives as well.

"We should all do what we can in our daily lives to remember that we are glorious and powerful." - Tracee Ellis Ross, American actress (1972 - present).

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



From Our Secretary

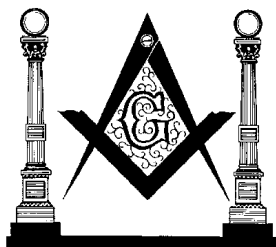
Brothers,
 It is time to acknowledge and thank our Brother David Karp for the amazing effort he puts forth to keep us connected. This pandemic has forced us to cancel all lodge activities and kept most of us staying home, or least not socializing with our relatives, friends and above all our Brothers. Thank you again Brother David.

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

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

Keep the Faith, We will get through this epidemic.

Fraternally,
 Bro. Akram Alawar,
 Secretary



A Request from Your Editor

Our Worshipful Master, Celso Cardano, has proclaimed “Giving Thanks” as November’s theme for the Lodge. Therefore, for next month’s edition, I hope to have a section on Giving Thanks in which each of you is quoted with something that you have contributed. Please submit a sentence or more starting with “I am thankful for...” or “I am thankful that ...” and send it to davidikarp@karpmediation.com by October 15, 2020, so I can include it in next month’s Trestle Board. Thanks. DIK.

Bonus - Bro. Franklin Restores Harmony

When delegates became heated over the issue of proportional representation at the Federal Constitutional Convention in 1787 at Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin urged “great Coolness and Temper,” telling the delegates “we are sent here to consult, not to contend, with each other.” As the eldest delegate at the Convention, Franklin acted on several occasions to restore harmony.

Source:
<https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/franklin/franklin-new-republic.html>

