

In The



Daylight

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September 2019

Summer into Autumn

Foreword . . .

I am a big fan of American literature. For inspiration for this opening, I looked to some of the works of the great American poets. I thought, well, there must be some writing that defines September, perhaps in the way it transitions from summer to autumn.

I found inspiration in Emily Dickinson's (1830-1886) poem no. 1540, which attracted my attention because it "is a subtle and melancholic elegy for the passing of summer, *[which is] used as a metaphor for happiness and light.* The closer these are to leaving the more *beautiful* they become." See, <https://owlcation.com/humanities/Analysis-of-Poem-As-Imperceptibly-As-Grief-by-Emily-Dickinson>. (Emphasis added.)

What caught my eye were the words "happiness," "light," and "beautiful" in the above quote. To me, they are Masonic themes.

The concluding lines of the poem read: "[And thus,] Our summer made her light escape / Into the beautiful."

Masonic "Light" is a well known concept, one which was discussed in the premiere edition of this newsletter (October 2018). We have not yet considered "Beauty" as a Masonic theme before now. So, let's do so.

When we first reach the northeast corner of the Lodge, we learn that a Lodge is said to be supported by three great pillars, which are designated as Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, and are represented by the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens. We further learn that Beauty refers to

that attribute we should apply to all great and important undertakings, which includes the work we do in the lodge, in the community, at home and in our usual occupations.

(In the context of our work in the lodge and in the community, we have a "great and important undertaking" this month: We will host a **Lodge Open House** on Saturday, September 14, 2019, 10:00AM to which the public is invited, to learn more about Freemasonry in general and our Lodge in particular. Look for additional information in Wor. Roger Soriano's article from the East, in our Upcoming Lodge Events section, and in the flyer on the last page and let's make this a Masonically "Beautiful" event, one of which we will ever be proud.)

Please enjoy this edition of our newsletter. In addition to the usual inclusions, please find an article about Bro. Washington laying the cornerstone of the Capital Building and another piece on whether Labor Day was the idea of one or more Freemasons, plus two proclamations from our Grand Master.

As Dickinson suggests: as summer ebbs, the light [of Masonry] should lead us into the Beautiful; and, as we transition into autumn, it is my hope that you had a happy and beautiful summer and that you will continue to find wisdom, strength, and beauty in the light of Freemasonry.

Fraternally,
David I. Karp, Editor

The trestleboard for the month of September appears on the next page.

Bro. Washington Lays the Cornerstone of the Capital Building*

On September 18, 1793, President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol. A Virginia newspaper, the Alexandria Gazette, recorded how Washington crossed the Potomac and was met by two brass bands, a volunteer artillery company, and a delegation of Masons in full regalia. They accompanied him in the first parade held in Washington, D.C. a grand procession from the construction site of the White House to the construction site for the U.S. Capitol.

We know from that newspaper article, and from Masonic ritual, that Washington placed an inscribed silver plate under the cornerstone at the southeast corner of this building. However, we do not know whether that meant the southeast corner of the Senate wing, the first section of the building to be completed, or the southeast corner of the whole building as intended, which would locate it over on the House side. More than two centuries later, the Architect of the Capitol is still searching for that cornerstone. Metal detectors have failed to locate the silver plate.

Regardless of where the cornerstone may be found, the significance of that event was the personal interest that George Washington and other federal leaders took in this building. They were conscious of creating a republic amid a world of monarchies, and they turned to the ancient Roman republic as a model, to make the fledgling government look more impressive. In that spirit, they renamed Jenkins Hill as Capitoline Hill soon shortened to Capitol Hill. On the draft plans for the city, Thomas Jefferson also crossed out "Congress Hall" as the meeting place for Congress was called in Philadelphia and wrote "Capitol" instead. At the time, the federal government was situated in Philadelphia, a city of brick, but Washington

wanted a classical style for the new capital city that would be named for him, with buildings constructed in stone.

George Washington envisioned a domed structure atop Capitol Hill, and he admired the neoclassical design submitted by a physician, Dr. William Thornton, for its "grandeur, simplicity, and beauty." Thomas Jefferson similarly described Thornton's plan as "simple, noble, beautiful, excellently distributed, and moderate in size." Jefferson added that no one was more delighted with these plans than the president, "whose decision is most important." Congress agreed and appropriated the funds. After laying the cornerstone, Washington returned periodically to oversee the construction, but sadly did not live to see Congress occupy the new building. He died in December 1799, less than a year before Senate and House first convened in the Capitol.

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September Trestleboard

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

- Sept. 7 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)
- Sept. 14 Lodge Open House (Dress: Business Suits) 9:30AM Meet & Greet; 10AM Program
- Sept. 17 Dodger Night
- Sept. 18 CFS Third Wednesday Bkfst., 8AM @ Four 'n 20 Rest., Sh. Oaks (casual)
- Sept. 21 Third Degree Conferral
- Sept. 22 Family Picnic (11AM, Lake Balboa Park?)

Looking Ahead into October

- Oct. 7 Stated Meeting (Dress Casual)
- Oct. 12 Turnaround Bus
- Oct. 16 CFS Third Wednesday Bkfst.
- Oct. 18-20 Grand Lodge Annual Communication, San Francisco
- October 19 - Lodge Dark for Annual Comm.

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Since then, the Capitol has grown along with the nation. New states brought more senators and representatives, and new wings had to be added to accommodate them, their staffs, and their constituents most recently with the opening of the Capitol Visitor Center in 2008. Throughout this growth, the building has retained the classical appearance that Washington wanted. The Capitol stands as a reminder of the lasting impact of government actions for decisions made in the 1790s continue to influence this building and this city more than two centuries later.

*This article is quoted verbatim from the United States Senate website at https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/minute/George_Washington_Lays_Capitol_Corners_tone.htm



[Pictured above: Masons of the Lodge celebrating the Second Degree Conferral upon Bros. Majd Fahmeh and Hamood Hamood. Congratulats Brothers.]



From the East

Brothren,
We are looking to advance in the coming months. We also have a few events remaining on the calendar, see the Trestleboard on p. 2.

One of the most important upcoming events is the Information Meeting/Open House scheduled for the 14th of September. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend that event, even those Brothers we don't see too often. Your wives/partners/girlfriends may also attend, and even your kids if they are old enough to sit still during the presentations estimated to last an hour. We need to show the community who Masons are, whom we include (family members) and what we do for the community.

More than that, we will need active participants for the day of the Information Meeting/Open House. I have appointed Bros. David Karp and Barry Mann to be the Co-chairs of the event, and they will be presenters, as will I. (Bro. David has already prepared a script for us to use). As of this writing, Bro. Barry is now away on a trip but will be back in time for the event; in the interim, Bro. David is asking for two more volunteers to be presenters.

We will also need a number of greeters, one at the inbound driveway entrance to direct people where to park, one at the foot of the outdoor stairway to direct them to the dining room, one in the hallway to direct them to the lodge room, and one at the door of the lodge room to invite them in and also have complete an attendance sheet. Volunteers can be officers or side-liners.

That is at least six volunteers needed.

Bro. David would *really like* volunteer commitments in advance and by no later than September 11; if you can commit, please email him at davidikarp@karpmeditation.com and inform him.

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Bro. David will also host a “just-to-make-sure-we-know-what-we’re-doing” meeting, and dessert, at his home on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at 7:30PM for the men who have volunteered or will volunteer. At the time you send the email to Bro. David to volunteer, as requested above, please also RSVP to the meeting at his home and he will reply with his address and directions.

Two more things about the above event.

(1) Please make sure to RSVP for the event itself, including any family members, so we know how much to purchase in the way of refreshments for the meet-and-greet period before the presentations. RSVP to Bro. David or myself, please, or via the Facebook “event” I created at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/619894781868604/> . Interested non-members can RSVP

through a link from Grand Lodge at

<http://californiafreemason.org/2019/08/21/clarence-f-smith-daylight-lodge-rsvp/> .

(2) The dress for lodge members will be business suits.

On to other things:

I would also like to thank our distinguished Past Masters who have come to visit our lodge the last two stated meetings to do some special Masonic education. If you missed one or both of them, then I can say, you really missed out. Please make an effort to join in the stated meetings to learn how your lodge operates and to be a part of the decision making process.

I would like to remind everyone to keep working on your qualifications for next year if you will be an officer. We need to qualify by election time in November. Please contact me or our Officers’ Coach if you need help with your qualifications.

Remember, that we will be having another OSI (Officers’ School of Instruction) this coming stated meeting which starts at 9am. All officers, please make an effort to attend so that we don't have to be dragged to San Fernando Lodge on another Thursday for their OSI.

Another bright news item: I received a call from Brother Jay Allen's wife, with an update on his condition. He is now at a different facility and recovery is progressing by leaps and bounds. We will be planning a visit to either the facility or his home in the next couple of weeks. He is very excited to hear about news from our lodge.

September is slated to be another busy month for us, but looking forward to October, we are planning to make our annual trek to Annual Communications in San Francisco again. This time we will be a fully chartered lodge with all the rights and benefits of a duly constituted lodge. We will be eligible to vote as well, so that is an interesting idea. Please mark your calendars for October 18, 19, and coming back on the 20th. A weekend filled with fun fellowship with your lodge brothers. The ride up and back is worth it. We will start to finalize the attendees for that event so we can make the proper arrangements in the accommodation.

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



From the West

Brethren,
 I would like to congratulate Brothers Hamood Hamood and Magd Fahmeh on being passed to the degree of Fellowcraft. We are proud to see you both advance and look forward to conferring your Third Degree in due time.. I would also like to congratulate the degree team in doing an excellent degree. Let us continue to advance in our respective offices.

Please come support the Lodge's Information Meeting/Open House on Saturday, September 14th. This will be open to the public. It's very important. Also, if you know anyone who is interested in Freemasonry or if you know any brothers who have lost touch with the fraternity as a whole, feel free to invite them so they can see first hand what Freemasonry is all about, especially in our lodge. That's important, too.

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

From our Secretary

Brethren, Thanks to all of you who were able to attend and participate in two second degree conferrals on August 17, 2019. This was another success that can be added to our young but vibrant Lodge's list of accomplishments.

Having said that, we still have a long road ahead of us. We have too many Brothers who are EAs and we need to work with them so they can advance in their Masonic journey. As for the line officers, they need to qualify because time is not on our side.

Brethren, thank you to all who have paid their dues timely for this year. As you know, a portion of the dues you paid was earmarked for Grand Lodge (the per capita). For your information, we have just paid our per capital to Grand Lodge, almost \$3,000, based on Lodge

membership numbers. If you haven't paid your dues yet, your share came out of our small treasury without your contribution to offset the charge, reducing available resources. Please think about what that means for our current and future obligations and our events, philanthropy and support for the community and the fraternity. Every person is responsible to pay his fair share.

Masonry also requires attendance and participation from us. This is the commitment each of us made when we joined the lodge.

Please help us to continue our success and participate in all Lodge's events. Be there and make a difference.

Fraternally,
 Bro. Akram Alawar,
 Secretary

From our Treasurer

Brethren,
 Away on vacation. Be back soon.
 See you then.

Fraternally,
 Bro. Barry Mann, Treasurer



Upcoming Lodge Events

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

September 14, 2019 Lodge Open House, 9:30AM for coffee and donuts, 10:00AM for the [continues on next page]

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program. Be there early for coffee and donuts and to meet and greet our guests. Dress: Business Suits. All members of the lodge should attend. Spouses, Partners, non-Masons are especially welcome. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about Freemasonry in general and this lodge in particular. RSVP by Sept. 11 to Event Co-Chair, Bro. David I. Karp (davidikarp@karpmediation.com or (818-515-9361) or Wor. Roger Soriano, Master (818-687-8348, rlsoriano@gmail.com .) Please: It is VERY important that we have a great turnout for this event, not only our members but non-members as well. If you can commit to helping out with the actual event itself, please inform us. See detailed information in Wor. Roger's article about the help needed. Please also think about bringing a non-Mason with you to the event who might like to ask about joining.

September 18, 2019 (8AM) CFS Third Wednesday Breakfast. Our new tradition!

Monthly informal get-together (no-host, and whoever wants to come can just show up), on the third Wednesday of each month at 8AM, at Four 'n 20 Restaurant, 5530 Van Nuys Blvd, Sherman Oaks, CA 91401. It's another opportunity for fellowship among Masons and it's a place where we can include non-members having expressed an interest in our lodge or the Craft. RSVP to davidikarp@karpmediation.com if you can or just show up. [This event probably does not preclude other similar social gatherings if others want to arrange additional or alternative informal get-togethers over a meal or drinks, but run it by the WM first.]

September 22, 2019 (11AM) Family Picnic, possibly at Lake Balboa Park.

October 12, 2019 Turnaround Bus

October 18-20, 2019 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California. More information on freemason.org.

November 23, 2019 Serving Lunch at Midnight Mission (with Scouts)

December 21, 2019 Holiday Luncheon after Lodge meeting.

Member News

Birthdays: Wor. Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM; Bro. Barry Mann
Third Degree Anniversary: Bros. Akram Alawar; Roland L. Cortel; Ibrahim Hanoun; Brigido A. Mandia

Wor. Steve Wolvek is still collecting recipes for a fund-raising book. Be sure to send him some of your family favorites.

Instead of being in lodge on September 7, 2019, Bro. David I. Karp will be in Reno, NV, celebrating the marriage of his nephew, Bro. Elliot Malin, and Bro. Elliot's bride, Catie, that same day. Earlier in the week, Bro. David will visit Reno Lodge No. 13, F. & A.M., where Bro. Elliot is Junior Warden. Both Elliot's and Catie's fathers are members of that lodge as well.



[Pictured above: Five Masons and two interested non-Masons enjoying camaraderie and conversation at our "Third Wednesday Breakfast," August 21, 2019.]



Grand Master's Proclamation No. 1

SEPTEMBER 2019 IS
CONSTITUTIONAL OBSERVANCE
MONTH

Freemasonry: The Difference Is You

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States is the foundation of our democratic government and responsible for the multitude of freedoms we enjoy today; and

Whereas, many of the Founding Fathers of our country were Freemasons, and through their efforts we developed a society that promoted democracy and committed to upholding the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

Whereas, all Masons pledge to uphold the peace and order of good society by demonstrating allegiance to our country and obedience to the laws under whose protection we live; and

Whereas, as Masons, we strive to set an example for others in our society and communities through demonstrating compassion, kindness, temperance, and respect alongside our storied principle tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth; now

Therefore, as grand master, I proclaim September 2019 as Constitutional Observance Month in California. I ask all California Masons to select a date in September to celebrate the United States Constitution within their lodges, by recognizing the parallels between our Founding Father's words and our own treasured ritual; by including Masonic youth orders in a celebration of constitutional freedoms; and by recognizing the importance of our continued efforts to promote civility within society. When we publicly reflect upon the indelible words inscribed by our forefathers upon the hearts of

our nation and the world, we illuminate our values as Freemasons for ourselves and for our communities. Our foundational understanding of democracy will continue to be a source of inspiration and knowledge to those around us.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Stuart A. Wright

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)

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.

Grand Master's Proclamation No. 2

SEPTEMBER 2019 IS [ALSO]
MASONIC LODGE OPEN HOUSE
MONTH

Freemasonry: The Difference Is You

Whereas, the Masonic halls in which our lodges meet are destinations that create and foster a sense of community amongst our brethren, friends, and family; and

Whereas, for many years our Masonic halls have symbolized history, community, and the collective betterment of society; and

Whereas, we must strive to share the light of Freemasonry with the world by openly identifying ourselves as members of our fraternity amongst our neighbors and community; and

Whereas, as Masons, we believe that our practices of brotherly love, relief, and truth can benefit all of society; now

Therefore, as grand master, I proclaim September 2019 as Masonic Lodge Open House Month in California. I ask all California Masons to select a date in September to open their lodges to the general public, during which is planned a community program about Freemasonry, locally and around the world. When we publicly share our craft and values with our local community, friends, and neighbors, we can promote the aims of our treasured fraternity and inspire others to follow in our footsteps.

Sincerely and fraternally,

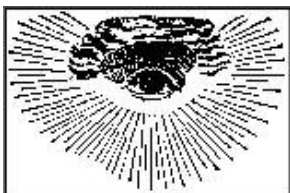
Stuart A. Wright

Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou

Grand Secretary



Labor Day and Freemasonry?

Editor's Note:

This article is quoted from <http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2013/09/labor-day-freemasonry-is-there.html> by Bro. Robert H. Johnson 32°, the Managing Editor of the Midnight Freemasons blog. As of its publication date in 2013, the author is a Freemason out of the 1st N.E. District of Illinois.

Here is his article:

Labor Day, the very idea of the holiday invokes the excitement of barbeques, back to school for our children and the end of summer. Labor Day is now marked by the first Monday in September, but the first labor day was actually on a Tuesday, Tuesday September 5th 1882 to be exact. It was celebrated for the first time in New York City and was organized by the Central Labor Union.

So who started Labor Day? Well, the answer [is not certain]. There are two men who are credited with its creation. Peter McGuire and Mathew Maguire were both labor leaders and worked for the rights of workers. Peter was a carpenter and Mathew a machinist.

Many people ask whether either of these two men were members of our great fraternity, the Freemasons. Of these two men, Peter McGuire was a member of a Brotherhood. It just wasn't the Freemasons. He belonged to the Brotherhood of Carpenters and was quoted as saying something which to me, sounds Masonic in nature...

[There needs to be a day to celebrate those] "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

However promising this sounds, neither Peter nor Mathew [has] any record of being involved or affiliated with the Freemasons.

To find out more ... [about] Labor Day, please visit the United States Department of Labor's website all about Labor Day [now located at

<https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history> .

Have a happy and safe Labor Day!

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.

Masonic Philosophy and Values

The following is from a document of the Grand Lodge of California:

Freemasonry is a fraternity based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to help make the world a better place while being devoted to his family, faith, country, and fraternity. As Masons we value and promote: Ethics, Personal growth, Tolerance, Education, Diversity, Philanthropy, Family, Community.

Masons believe in the importance of religion; men of all faiths are members of the organization. Freemasonry celebrates ethnic diversity and welcomes men of all racial backgrounds.

Our values

Ethics: Masons practice a lifestyle based on honor, integrity, and philanthropic values. We believe there's more to life than pleasure and money.

Tolerance: The fraternity transcends religious, ethnic, cultural, social, and educational differences. We respect others' opinions and strive to grow and develop as human beings.

Education: Masons opened some of the first public schools in America and lobbied in the 1800s for state-supported education and colleges. Today, Masons provide support for California's public schools in many ways.

Philanthropy: We are committed to make a difference in our world through community service, volunteerism, and charity. It is estimated that Masons contribute more than 1.4 million charitable dollars every day in the United States in support of public education, community programs, and individuals in need.

Family: Strong family relationships are important, and we include our families in many of our activities. Striving to be better husbands, fathers, and family members enhances our fellowship.

We are making the world a better place.

Editor's note: This is a great piece of work. I refer to it often. So can you.



MASONIC LODGE INFORMATION MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2019
9:30 A.M. Donuts & Coffee - 10:00 A.M. Presentation

Van Nuys Masonic Center, Upstairs Lodge Room¹
14750 Sherman Way, Van Nuys, CA 91405 (East of Kester Ave.)

Learn about Freemasonry and the rewards of belonging to a lodge. There is no charge to attend this session. RSVPs preferred but not required. Business attire preferred. For more info, or to RSVP, contact Roger Soriano, Master of the Lodge², at rlsoriano@gmail.com or 818-687-8348 or David I. Karp, Event Co-Chair, at 818-515-9361 or davidikarp@karpmediation.com.

Freemasonry is the world's first and largest fraternal organization, based on the belief that a man who strives to improve himself can also improve his community and the world at large. The Masons of California have more than 60,000 members and over 320 lodges throughout the state. One of Masonry's traditions is that we do not solicit members; we say "To Be 1, Ask 1."

¹ The upstairs lodge room is accessed from the outdoor stairway visible from the back parking lot.

² Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 is a young lodge with an old name, named in memory of a prominent businessman, community leader and Mason in Los Angeles and a Captain in the US Army who fought and died in France in WWI. The Lodge is diverse by age, by cultural and religious background, by language and occupation, by personal interest, education and experience. We meet on the first and third Saturday of every month at 10 A.M.