

In the



Daylight

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Our Constitution(s)

Foreword...

As a Scout Leader years ago, I wrote, organized and in 1999 led a day-long council-wide (see, <https://bsa-la.org/map-of-districts/>) immersive citizenship program for Scouts which I referred to as “The Ellis Island Experience.”

The program took place at a scout camp in the Pacific Palisades for Scouts, ages 6 to 17, who attended along with parents, siblings and their scout leaders.

The goal was to mimic, and thereby to teach, how our ancestors dealt with the immigration process to become citizens in the early 20th Century.

Months of research and preparation went into this program. It was a huge success actually.

While preparing, I remembered and sought out a book of which I was aware, that I would be able to distribute to the youths attending the program. As I write this I do not remember how I knew of the book, but its title is *Anchor of Liberty* and it is about our US Constitution.

Anchor of Liberty, a small hard-bound edition, was published for the Constitutional Bicentennial in 1987 by The Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, United States of America.

It was written by C. Fred Kleinknecht, 33°, Past Sovereign Grand Commander. At my request, Scottish Rite’s Grand Executive Director, William G. Sizemore, 33°, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.), donated and sent me 200

copies of the book “for distribution to Boy Scouts during your citizens program.”

I kept one copy for reference and it remains a valuable resource in my private library.

Why do you need to know this? Because some of the material presented later in this newsletter comes from that book. When you see “(Kleinknecht)” cited, you will then know the source.

Not surprisingly, one focus of this edition will be the US Constitution (I hope it is not too dry for you). But there are also articles about the Constitutions of the Free-Masons, the USS Constitution, and more, including the excellent monthly entries provided by our officers.

I hope you enjoy this September edition as you take your constitutional and stroll through it.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp
Editor



September Trestle Board appears on page 2.

The Constitutions of the Free-Masons (1734)

According to a page of the website of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln (<https://digitalcommons.unl.edu/librarianscience/25/>)¹, the Constitutions of the Free-Masons (1734) is “the first Masonic book printed in America, which was produced in Philadelphia by Benjamin Franklin in 1734, and was a reprint of a work by James Anderson (who is identified as the author in an appendix) printed in London in 1723. This is the seminal work of American Masonry, edited and published by one of the founding fathers, and of great importance to the development of colonial society and the formation of the Republic.

“The work contains a 40-page history of Masonry: from Adam to the reign of King George I, including, among others, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Solomon, Hiram Abif, Nebuchadnezzar, Augustus Caesar, Vitruvius, King Athelstan the Saxon, Inigo Jones, and James I of England.

“There are extended descriptions of the Seven Wonders of the World, viz. 1) the Great Pyramid, 2) Solomon’s Temple, 3) the City and Hanging-Gardens of Babylon, 4) the Mausoleum or Tomb of Mausolus, King of Caria, 5) the Lighthouse of Pharos at Alexandria, 6) Phidias’s statue of Jupiter Olympius in Achaia, and 7) the Colossus at Rhodes (although some maintain the 5th is the Obelisk of Semiramis).

“It is a celebration of the science of Geometry and the Royal Art of Architecture, as practiced from ancient times until the then-current revival of the Roman or Augustan Style.

“‘The Charges of a Free-Mason’ and the ‘General Regulations’ concern rules of conduct for individuals and of governance for Lodges and their officers.

“The work also includes five songs to be sung at meetings, one of which ‘A New Song’ appears in print for the first time and may have been composed by Franklin.

“The document suggests that Masonry, in its modern Anglo-American form, was rooted in Old Testament exegesis (‘So that the Israelites, at their leaving Egypt, were a whole Kingdom of Masons, ... under the Conduct of their GRAND MASTER MOSES’) and in contemporary Protestant ideals of morality, merit, and political equality. [emphasis in original.]”

September/October 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 will continue our Masonic Fellowship meetings via Zoom, Fridays, 7PM. Monthly themes for this period are: September Constitutional Observance; October Recognizing First Responders.

Our Zoom fellowship meetings, now through 12/18/2020, will be “hosted” by Bro. David I. Karp for each occurrence (except 9/18, 10/2, 11/27, 12/25) with the following login:

Wor. Celso will “host” the Zoom meetings on 9/18 and 10/2 and will provide login info via iMember2.0, email or text. No Zoom on 11/27 and 12/25.

Note: Sept 4 Zoom includes Constitutional Observance presentation by Bro. David I. Karp.

Always check iMember2.0 for changes.

¹Paragraphing created for readability by the Editor.

Masonic Signers of the US Constitution

“George Mason wrote in the Virginia Declaration of Rights that if free people do not reexamine their liberties and how they were obtained, they risk losing those rights... Every generation holds the Constitutional liberties in trust, and it is our solemn duty to pass these rights unimpaired to ‘our prosperity.’ [¶] Among those who played key roles in securing this Constitution were members of a patriotic brotherhood of men nearly one-third of the Signers were Masons. The active involvement of such organizations is crucial to the success of our nationwide history and civics lesson.” (Kleinknecht, p. vii, Foreword by Warren E. Burger, Chairman, Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution; Chief Justice of the United States 1969-1986.)

Below are the Masons who signed the Constitution (taken from <http://bessel.org/constmas.htm>). In his book, Kleinknecht has biographies of each of them:

Gunning Bedford, Jr., Delaware, 1st Grand Master of Delaware;

John Blair, Virginia, 1st Grand Master of Virginia;

David Brearley, New Jersey, 1st Grand Master of New Jersey;

Jacob Broom, Delaware, officer in his Lodge;
Daniel Carroll, Maryland, Mason who participated in the Masonic cornerstone laying of the U.S. Capitol, with George Washington;

Jonathan Dayton, New Jersey, Member of Temple Lodge No. 1 in Elizabethtown, NJ;

John Dickinson, Delaware, Member of a Lodge in Dover, Delaware;

Benjamin Franklin, Pennsylvania, Grand Master of Pennsylvania;

Nicholas Gilman, New Hampshire, Member of a St. John's Lodge No. 1, Portsmouth, N.H.;

Rufus King, Massachusetts, Member of St. John's Lodge, Newburyport, Massachusetts;

James McHenry, Maryland, Member of Spiritual Lodge No. 23, Maryland (raised 1806, "struck off" 1809);

William Paterson, New Jersey, Member of Trenton Lodge No. 5;

George Washington, Virginia, Raised in the Lodge at Fredericksburg (now Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4), named but did not actively serve as Charter Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 in 1788-1789.

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.

USS Constitution aka “Old Ironsides”

“USS Constitution, also known as Old Ironsides, is a wooden-hulled, three-masted heavy frigate of the United States Navy. She is the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel still afloat. She was launched in 1797.... The name "Constitution" was among ten names submitted to President [Brother] George Washington by Secretary of War Timothy Pickering in March of 1795.... Her first duties were to provide protection for American merchant shipping during the Quasi-War with France and to defeat the Barbary pirates in the First Barbary War.

“Constitution is most noted for her actions during the War of 1812 against the United Kingdom, when she captured numerous merchant ships and defeated five British warships... The battle with Guerriere earned her the nickname "Old Ironsides." ... She continued to serve as flagship in the Mediterranean and African squadrons, and she circled the world in the 1840s. During the American Civil War, she served as a training ship for the United States Naval Academy. She carried American artwork and industrial displays to the Paris Exposition of 1878.

“Constitution was retired from active service in 1881 and served as a receiving ship until being designated a museum ship in 1907....

“Constitution's stated mission today is to promote understanding of the Navy's role in war and peace through educational outreach, historical demonstration, and active participation in public events as part of the Naval History & Heritage Command. As a fully commissioned Navy ship, her crew of 60 officers and sailors participate in ceremonies, educational programs, and special events while keeping her open to visitors year round and providing free tours. The officers and crew are all active-duty Navy personnel, and the assignment is considered to be special duty. She is usually berthed at Pier 1 of

the former Charlestown Navy Yard at one end of Boston's Freedom Trail.”

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

Our Brother John Philip Sousa, wrote “Old Ironsides,” a musical composition (a march) for a rally in Madison Square Garden to support the campaign for the ship’s restoration in 1926. “He led the massed bands of the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Army, but whether or not the new march was played is not certain. Oddly, the march was never published, and only a manuscript sketch is known to exist today.” See, <https://www.marineband.marines.mil/Audio-Resources/The-Complete-Marches-of-John-Philip-Sousa/Old-Ironsides/> .



The Constitution of the United States was made not merely for the generation that then existed, but for posterity unlimited, undefined, endless perpetual posterity.

Henry Clay (Kleinknecht, p. 80).

Public officers are the servants and agents of the people, to execute laws which the people have made and within the limits of a constitution which they have established.

Grover Cleveland (Kleinknecht, p. xi).

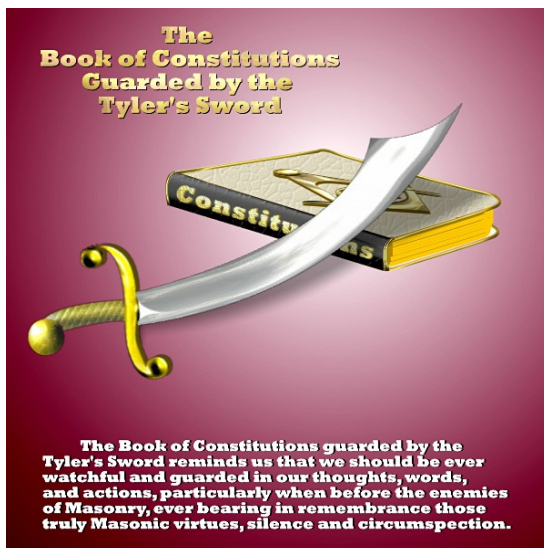
On the Lighter Side: When Used as a Noun, What Is a “Constitutional?”

According to “Lexico: Oxford English and Spanish Dictionary, Thesaurus, and Spanish to English Translator” at <https://www.lexico.com/en/definition/constitutional>, a **constitutional** is “a walk, typically one taken regularly to maintain or restore good health [as in] ‘she went out for a constitutional.’”

On the other hand, the Urban Dictionary gives a less politically correct meaning, which I won’t repeat here as this publication is /G\ rated. But you can see what it says for yourself at <https://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=constitutional>.

Now This...

The following image comes from the website of Lodge St. Andrew #518, located in New Pitsligo, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, AB43 6NE, Scotland. (See, <http://www.standrew518.co.uk/MAS.php>)



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 Ibrahim 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



Grand Master's Proclamation

SEPTEMBER 2020 IS
CONSTITUTIONAL OBSERVANCE
MONTH

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

Whereas the Constitution of the United
States is the foundation of our modern
democratic government; and

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

As grand master, I therefore **proclaim**
September 2020 as Constitutional Observance
Month in California....

Sincerely and fraternally,
John E. Trauner, Grand Master

Attest:

Allan L. Casalou, Grand Secretary

[Editor's Note: For more from the Grand
Master on this subject, see Wor. Celso's article
on p. 8..]

*"The U.S. Constitution doesn't guarantee
happiness, only the pursuit of it. You have to
catch up with it yourself."*

— WB Benjamin Franklin [

https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/289513.Benjamin_Franklin?page_9]

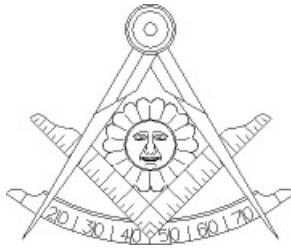
Do You Remember This?

Here is a picture from our Lodge's own
Ceremony of Constitution, wherein
we received our charter, November 4,
2018.



*Some men look at constitutions with
sanctimonious reverence, and deem them like
the Ark of the Covenant, too sacred to be
touched. They ascribe to the men of the
preceding age of wisdom more than human,
and suppose what they did to be beyond
amendment.... Laws and institutions must go
hand in hand with the progress of the human
mind.... We might as well require a man to
wear the coat that fitted as a boy, as civilized
society to remain ever under the regime of
their ancestors.*

Thomas Jefferson (Kleinknecht, p. 38)



Member Spotlight: Wor. Rogelio (Roger) L. Soriano, PM

Worshipful Brother Roger, 46, born in the Philippines, moved to Los Angeles at age 16 where he started college. He later moved to Kentucky to finish his degree as a Registered Nurse. Like so many health care professionals, he is kind and compassionate wherever he goes, but also entrepreneurial.

In 2005, he started building his business, Vascular Access Specialists, a specialty nursing service which contracts with Hospitals for PICC Line insertion Services in the Greater Los Angeles area. Today, Vascular Access Specialists is a thriving and successful business being recognized as a leader in the field of Vascular Access Nursing, employing a variety of nurses to serve its clients in our metropolitan area.

Our Brother is a very much a family man. In 2002 he married and in July 2003, his first daughter Samantha was born. In 2009, he re-married his wife Rachael and their daughter Mia was born a year later, with Natalie coming the year after that in 2011. They are terrific young ladies. And, you might remember hearing one or more of them playing the piano in lodge.

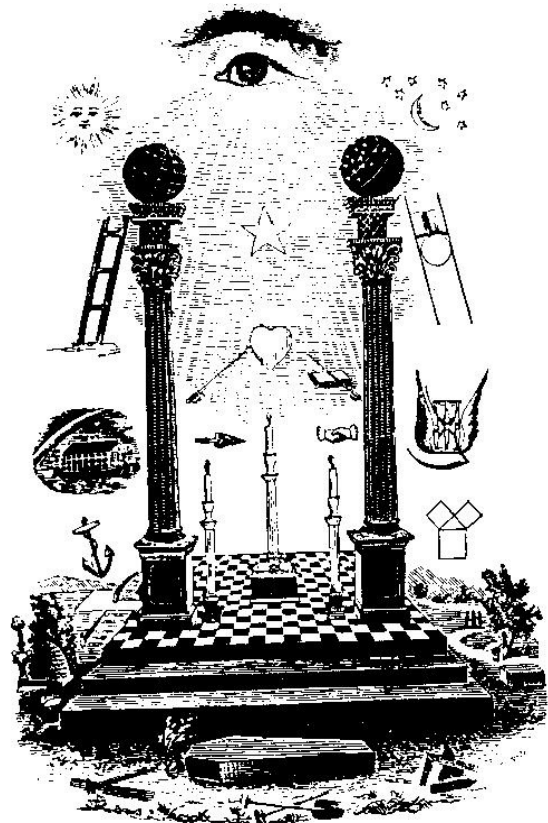
In 2013, WB Roger joined the Masons, first affiliating with Granada Hills Lodge No. 378, where he was initiated, passed, and raised a Master Mason that year. He affiliating with Clarence F. Smith Daylight 866 in 2017 as a founding member and progressed from Marshal, to Junior Warden and, in 2019, to Worshipful

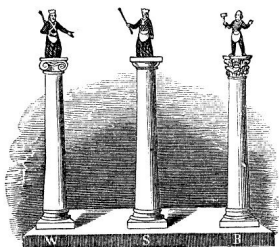
Master. He is now our Candidates' Coach. In 2018, he was presented with the Hiram Award for distinguished service to the lodge and to Freemasonry.

WB Roger is also a member of the San Fernando Valley York Rite Bodies (since 2014) and is a member of the Los Angeles Commandary #9, Knights Templar of California. He is also a member and Assistant Secretary of the Southern California Research Lodge, which produces a Masonic Publication.

WB Roger is an avid outdoorsman. Among his outside interests are deer hunting, deep sea fishing, and cycling.

WB Roger, who always has a smile and a kind word for anyone he comes across, is an inspiring and integral part of our Lodge and we are so lucky and proud to call him our Brother.





From the East

Brethren, September is a special time for the lodge as we celebrate Constitution Observation. As per our Grand Master, John E. Trauner, “Freemasons played a central role in the founding of the republic, and in so doing imbued in our constitution many of the values that are central to the fraternity. This month, I ask all California Masons to select a date to celebrate that legacy. Invite local Masonic youth orders to participate in a celebration of this guiding document and the parallels between our Founding Fathers’ words and the Masonic ritual. By publicly celebrating the links between our fraternity and the foundational values inscribed in the constitution, Masons highlight not only their historical significance but also their continued relevance today and into the future.”

Let us take this time to celebrate this important milestone and reflect on these values...

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



From the West

Brethren,
The Senior Warden’s role is to assist the Master of the Lodge when he is present, and to govern the Lodge when the Master is absent. Unfortunately, there is not much to do as SW while the Grand Lodge says we cannot meet – except mainly to encourage all candidates to progress; to consider and decide on the myriad details of running a Lodge if elected and installed as Master; and to be a supportive Brother for all of our members and their families.

Fortunately for me, I have been very busy in my business.

I will try to see you on Zoom as often as possible, and I look forward to a thriving and busy Lodge when, this year or next, we can meet, act and part as Brethren usually do.

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

From the South

Brethren,
A Brother pointed out to me the other day that the most constant thing I have in my life, at this moment, is Masonry. I hadn’t realized it before but after some reflection, I saw just how true this is.

In our lives, we all go through ebbs and flows, ups and downs, highs and lows.

But the guiding principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, the camaraderie of friendship with men who genuinely care about each other, and the sense of belonging amidst like minded men who strive to be best we can be, all give me strength and hope when life challenges me in unexpected ways.

To know that I am surrounded by Brethren upon whom I can rely with whom I can be
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["South," continued from p. 8]

comfortable and at ease is to realize what is important in my life. Moreover, I am aware that this does not come easily from elsewhere nowadays, for which reason I treasure it all the more.

"Every day you don't do something, it makes it less likely that you will ever do something. So you've got to get started right away." - Timothy D. Snyder, American author (1969-Present)

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



From the Secretary

Brethren,
First I would like to extend my Congratulations to Worshipful Brother Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., a Brother of our Lodge, who has been nominated to serve the Grand Lodge as Grand Sword Bearer for the ensuing Masonic year (assuming RW Arthur H. Weiss, the current Deputy Grand Master, is elected and installed as Grand Master at the upcoming Annual Communication). This is a great honor for him and for our Lodge. For more information, see the letter from RW Weiss below, on p. 10..

Second, it seems to me that this pandemic is going to be around for awhile. There is no vaccine in sight even though the experts are optimistic because of "positive" results from all these trials. It looks like some countries are bragging about their advances in finding vaccine in order to cash on this pandemic and this is where my concern is. Previously some scientist falsified results and published papers in reputable

journals. Until the FDA approves a vaccine, PLEASE STAY HOME and isolate yourself if you suspect that you are infected. Practice social distancing ("6 feet apart is better than 6 feet under"). Avoid getting your loved ones infected.

Keep the Faith, We will get through this epidemic.

Fraternally,
Bro. Akram Alawar,
Secretary

Bonus: The Preamble and Justice

The Preamble to the United States Constitution is one of the most inspirational statements of the values and principles of American Society.

"The preamble sets the stage for the Constitution (Archives.gov). It clearly communicates the intentions of the framers and the purpose of the document. The preamble is an introduction to the highest law of the land; it is not the law. It does not define government powers or individual rights.

"Establish Justice is the first of five objectives outlined in the 52-word paragraph that the Framers drafted in six weeks during the hot Philadelphia summer of 1787. They found a way to agree on the following basic principles:

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Quoted from

<https://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-court/educational-resources/about-educational-outreach/activity-resources/us>



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August 10, 2020

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Dear Worshipful Brother Celso,

Should I be elected and installed as Grand Master at Annual Communication it will be my distinct honor to appoint Worshipful Brother Alberto L. Casanova Jr. to serve as Grand Sword Bearer for the ensuing Masonic year. He has been singled out for his dedication to our Craft, and it is my belief he will prove to be a true leader, not only in your lodge, but on the state level as well. He will be traveling throughout California during his term and will be introduced as a brother from your lodge wherever he goes, an extreme honor for your lodge and one of which you can all be very proud.

The installation of Grand Lodge Officers will take place via Zoom video conference on Sunday, October 11, 2020. Log in details will be made available closer to the date. Members of your lodge, their families and friends are invited and encouraged to witness the public ceremonies via Zoom on Sunday morning beginning at 9:15 a.m., which will include Grand Master's Awards for Youth Support, Mason of the Year, and a new Lifetime Achievement Award. The installation of the 2020/2021 Grand Lodge Officers will begin at 10:30 a.m. It will mean a lot to me and to Brother Casanova Jr. to know that a delegation from your lodge is witnessing the installation.

Should it be consistent with the lodge's plans for the ensuing Masonic year, it would be appropriate and encouraged for your lodge to plan a reception honoring your brother. I remind you that the Grand Lodge calendar fills quickly, and our ability to hold a reception for him depends on the lodge's early planning. Please reach out to Julia Gordon at jgordon@freemason.org to discuss the date that I have earmarked for your brother's reception, and let's get such an event planned.

The Grand Lodge Officers and their families look forward with great anticipation to seeing you and helping you celebrate being the caliber of lodge that creates dedicated Masons such as Brother Casanova Jr..

Sincerely and fraternally,

ARTHUR H. WEISS
Deputy Grand Master

Copy: Akram Alawar, Secretary, Clarence F. Smith Daylight No. 866