

In the



Daylight

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M.
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August 2022

August: Dignity, Grandeur, Honor

Foreword ...

August, with the accent on the first syllable, is the name of the month. With the accent on the second syllable, august refers to dignity and grandeur. <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/august> . Some synonyms include “distinguished,” “imposing,” “solemn,” “stately” (*Id.*), “honorable,” “impressive,” “regal.” <https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/august> .

Our Masonic ceremonies fit this definition. They are solemn, stately, distinguished, dignified, honorable. Each august ceremony whether for a degree, the constitution of a new Lodge, for the Hiram Award, or an installation is designed to impress. Except for the speaker, silence reigns in the lodge room.

W.:Bro.: Shawn Eyer describes it this way: “The profound silence of a tiled Lodge during ceremonies such as the initiation of a candidate can be deeply impressive, and naturally induces solemn reflections upon the essential meaning of the work. The Masonic philosopher W.L. Wilmshurst held that an ideal Lodge, when properly tiled and duly opened, would be a sanctuary of silence and contemplation, broken only by ceremonial utterances or such words of competent and luminous instruction as the Master or Past Masters are moved to extend. And the higher the degree in which it is opened, the deeper and more solemn would be the sense of excluding all temporal thoughts and interests and of approaching more nearly that veiled central Light

whose opening into activity in our hearts we profess to be our predominant wish. In such circumstances each Lodge meeting would become an occasion of profound spiritual experience. No member would wish to disturb the harmony of such a Lodge by talk or alien thought. (The Masonic Initiation, 1924).” Eyer, Shawn. *Silence in Freemasonry*, posted online at <https://www.newjerseygrandlodge.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Silence-in-Freemasonry.pdf> .

In our Lodge, when our officers proficiently perform our ritual degree ceremonies, I see the officers’ solemnity and as well as the dignity and grandeur of the work. For me, it is an august experience every time. It is something every member appreciates, not just the candidate.

Please enjoy this August edition.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp, Editor



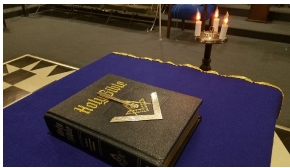
[“Silence” by *Augustus Saint-Gaudens*, about 1874. Image Attribution: Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site <https://saint-gaudens.org/augustus-gaudens-cd-html/Monuments/Ideal/Silence.htm> (“Marble, 8 feet (2.44 m.) high, Masonic Soldier’s and Sailor’s Hospital, Utica, NY.”)]

The Dignity of Man as Incorporated into Masonry

The following text is excerpted from a web page of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota at

<https://ndmasons.com/become-a-mason> :

“Over the centuries, Freemasonry has developed into a worldwide fraternity emphasizing personal study, self-improvement, and social betterment via individual involvement and philanthropy. During the late 1700s it was one of the organizations most responsible for spreading the ideals of the Enlightenment: the dignity of man and the liberty of the individual, the right of all persons to worship as they choose, the formation of democratic governments, and the importance of public education. Masons supported the first public schools in both Europe and America.”



The Dignity of our Charges

In our impressive ceremonies, we pay attention to the charges that direct Masons to dignified conduct. Think about these words and phrases:

In every age and country, men preeminent for their moral and intellectual attainments have encouraged and promoted the interests of the Fraternity. Nor has it been thought derogatory to their dignity that monarchs have, for a season, exchanged the scepter for the trowel....

Your general good reputation affords satisfactory assurance that you will ever display the discretion, the virtue, and the dignity which becomes a worthy and exemplary Mason.

Duty and honor now alike bind you to be faithful to every trust; to support the dignity of your character on all occasions; and strenuously to enforce a steady obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry. DIK.

August Trestle Board

(We meet in person each month on four Saturdays at 10:00 AM at the Van Nuys Masonic Center, except as otherwise noted. Always subject to change. See Masthead, p. 1 for address.)

August 4, 2022 Executive Comm. Mtg. on Zoom. Login will be sent via FB Messenger.

August 6, 2022 Stated Meeting. Tiled. Dress: Casual

August 13, 2022 TBD

August 20, 2022 Golf Tournament at Knollwood, 12PM; Awards/Fellowship afterwards at the Lodge

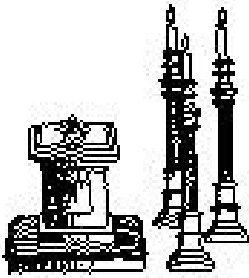
August 27, 2022 TBD

Lodge Contact Information

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Wor. Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan

Secretary
Bro. Akram Alawar





The Grandeur of Freemasonry is in its Ceremonies

Editor's note: The following text comes from a web page of the United Grand Lodge of NSW & ACT

[Sydney] at

<https://www.masons.org.au/Web/Freemasonry/Freemasonry-is-Ceremony.aspx>

“The language of Freemasonry: Our ceremonies, rituals and regalia are full of allegorical symbolism designed to remind a Freemason of what he's learned and the obligations he's undertaken....

“Ceremony is... Historical: The primary ceremonies performed in NSW & the ACT are almost identical to the ceremonies our Brothers and forebears of the 19th and 20th century would have experienced.

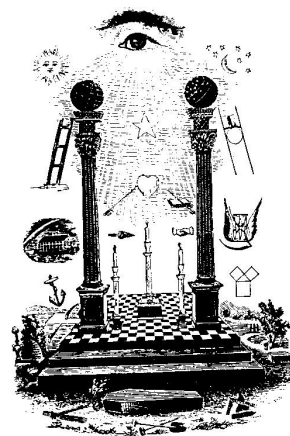
“Ceremony is... Grandeur: There is much formality, pomp and pageantry involved in well performed Masonic ritual. [¶] It is common for most lodges to wear Dinner suits, for dining to be formal.

“Ceremony is... Allegorical: Freemasonry composes lessons about morality and philosophy, veiled in historical allegory. Why? Because the pursuit of meaning is a significant part of your journey.

“Ceremony is... Growth: Ritual is the culmination of a Mason's work which requires dedication to study and practice. This activity is not only a great way to learn life lessons but empowers you with confident public speaking skills and a stronger self-awareness.”

CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2022

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| Candidates' Coach | WB Roger L. Soriano, PM |
| Inspector | WB Leland H. Celestre, PM |





Grand Master's August Proclamation

AUGUST 2022 IS FIRST RESPONDERS MONTH
Crafting Leadership

Whereas California Masons strive to serve as pillars of society and to recognize, support, and uplift the people and institutions on which our communities rely; and

Whereas our state continues to grapple with enormous crises on multiple fronts, including the ongoing pandemic and historic wildfires; and

Whereas we all rely on the skill and bravery of more than 4.6 million professional and volunteer firefighters, police, EMTs, and paramedics whose jobs are to keep us safe;

As grand master, I therefore proclaim August 2022 to be First Responders Month.

California Freemasons understand what it means to take an obligation in support of others. Firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, and police take one of the most sacred and challenging obligations of all. For that we all owe them a debt of gratitude, and one that California Masons are eager to recognize. As the past year has shown us more than ever before, our communities rely on first responders to serve on the frontline of many of the most challenging and dangerous problems we face.

During this month, I encourage California Masonic lodges to honor the efforts of their local first responders and to thank these important members of our community as they see fit whether through a donation, volunteerism, or lodge recognition. As California Masons continue to craft leadership among their ranks, it

is important we acknowledge the people around us on whom we all rely.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Grand Master Jeffery Wilkins

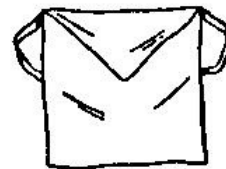
Attest:

Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou



The Dignity of our Character

“Masonry teaches us how to behave in society to embrace humility and restrain our passions; to extend sincere courtesies and to respect human life. By showing the world the dignity of our characters, we demonstrate that as Masons, we are better men.”
Source: *California Freemason*, Dec/Jan 2016, p. 2, “The Art of Being a Gentleman” by [then] Deputy Grand Master John R. Heisner.



Our Honorable Apron

The Lambskin Apron: It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason. More ancient than the Golden Fleece or the Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star or Garter, or any distinction that can be conferred ... by king, prince, potentate, or any other person, and which it is hoped that you will wear with pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity. Source: *Monitor and Officers' Manual*.

From Walt Whitman's "Song of Myself, 20"

“I know I am august,
 I do not trouble my spirit to vindicate
 itself or be understood,
 I see that the elementary laws never
 apologize,
 (I reckon I behave no prouder than the level I
 plant my house by, after all.)

“I exist as I am, that is enough,
 If no other in the world be aware I sit content,
 And if each and all be aware I sit content.

“One world is aware and by far the largest to
 me, and that is myself,
 And whether I come to my own to-day or in
 ten thousand or ten million years,
 “I can cheerfully take it now, or with equal
 cheerfulness I can wait.”

[Editor's note: I do not believe Whitman was
 a Mason, but he is another one of my favorite
 poets. DIK.]



“What's in a name?”

The following are quoted from a web
 page of Lodge St. Patrick No. 468,
 Irish Constitution at
<https://www.lodgestpatrick.co.nz/famous.php> :
Bartholdi, Frédéric Auguste (1834-1904)
 This French Freemason was the sculptor
 responsible for New York's Statue of Liberty.
 His 'Mother Lodge' (as a Freemason's Lodge of
 initiation is termed) was Lodge Alsace-Lorraine,
 Paris. During the construction of the copper-clad

monument, Bartholdi leaned heavily on another
 Freemason's expertise, that of Gustave Eiffel,
 designer of the Eiffel Tower, for the intricate
 steel skeleton supporting the soaring statue.

FitzGerald, Augustus Frederick - 3rd Duke
 of Leinster, PC, PC (Ire)(1791-1874) Educated
 at Eton College and Oxford University, and
 styled Marquess of Kildare from birth until 1804,
 Augustus FitzGerald was a nobleman, an Irish
 peer and a staunch Freemason. [¶] In 1813,
 Leinster was elected to be Grand Master of the
 Grand Lodge of Ireland (the highest rank in Irish
 Freemasonry), a position he held until his death
 in 1874 - an astounding 61 years. During this
 time he was responsible for the setting up of
 many new Freemasons' Lodges the length and
 breadth of Ireland. The Duke was appointed
 Custos Rotulorum of Kildare in 1819, and the
 County's Lord Lieutenant in 1831, holding both
 posts for life. Leinster was Lord High Constable
 of Ireland at the coronations of King William IV
 . . . and Queen Victoria. He was a Commissioner
 of National Education for Ireland from 1836 to
 1841. [¶] Augustus FitzGerald was born and died
 in Carton House, County Kildare.

**King George IV – George Augustus
 Frederick** (1762-1830) George IV became
 King of Hanover and the United Kingdom of
 Great Britain and Ireland on the death of his
 father, George III, on 29 January 1820 until his
 own death ten years later. From 1811 until his
 accession, he served as Prince Regent during his
 father's fight with, and relapse into, mental
 illness. [¶] George IV led an extravagant
 lifestyle that contributed to the fashions of the
 British Regency. He was a patron of new forms
 of leisure, style and taste. He commissioned John
 Nash to build the Royal Pavilion in Brighton and
 remodel Buckingham Palace, and ordered Sir
 Jeffry Wyattville to rebuild Windsor Castle. He
 was instrumental in the foundation of the
 National Gallery in London and King's College
 London.



Our Golf Tournament is THIS MONTH. Please support it.

If you haven't already done so, be sure to support our Lodge's upcoming charitable event. You can play (the green fee is \$100), you can sponsor a hole, you can volunteer to help, you can make a donation towards the event. If you donate or otherwise pay by check please make the check payable to Clarence F. Smith Daylight No. 866 and mark "Golf Tournament" in the memo section. Donations may be made in any amount, A donation of \$50 or more is suggested and \$100 recommended. Please direct any checks or questions to Bro. Jhonny Lebrilla, SW, or his designee.

The event will take place on August 20, 2022, at Knollwood Country Club, 12040 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91344, starting at noon. Awards and fellowship will follow at our Lodge location.

A portion of the proceeds will go towards supporting the Rainbow for Girls, Van Nuys Chapter (a separate Masonic organization for youth character and leadership development) and also supporting our Lodge's projects and activities.

More information is available on our website at <http://clarencesmith.org>. When you reach the page, click on the banner advertising the golf tournament. See also p. 10, *infra*. DIK.

Masonic Recognition

Past Masters of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, F. & A.M.

Steven A. Wolvek (2017-2018)

Rogelio L. Soriano (2019)

Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2020-2021)

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)

Past Masters who are "Honorary Members"

Jovito ("Jovi") R. Rivera (2017)

Timoteo ("Tim") Zuniga (2020)

Hiram Award*

Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr., PM (2013)

Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (Forthcoming for 2022)

Alberto L. Casanova, Jr., PM (2016)

Keith S. Cotton (2017)

Bruce L. Ewald, PM (2011)

Bruce L. Hawley, PM (2000)**

David I. Karp (2020)

Barry Mann (2021)

John T. Seletos (2017)

Thomas K. Sheehan (2014)

Rogelio L. Soriano, PM (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.





[Second Degree Meeting of June 25, 2022, after conferring the Fellowcraft Degree upon Bros. Ely Ayao and Marvin DeGuzman. Congratulations!]

In an August Ceremony, Pres. Harding Becomes a Master Mason ... After a Long Wait

Editor's Note: The following is quoted from the web page of the Grand Lodge of Ohio at

<https://www.freemason.com/ohio-masonry-us-pressidency/> .

"Warren G. Harding, 29th President of the United States, was an Ohio Republican who served in the Ohio Senate and then later on in the United States Senate. On June 28, 1901, Harding was initiated into the Masons, Marion Lodge No. 70, Marion, Ohio. Because of some personal issues within the Lodge, Brother Harding's advancement was hindered until 1920. It was around that time Harding had been nominated for President. Friends persuaded the opposition to withdraw the objection, and on August 27, 1920, 19 years after his Initiation, Brother Harding achieved the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, in Marion Lodge. At his request, Brother Harding took the Oath of Office of President of the United States upon the same Bible as was used by Brother George Washington for the same purpose on April 30, 1789 (the Altar Bible of St. John's Lodge No. 1, New York City). National Photo Company, circa 1921-23."

A Grand Time at Dodger Stadium

Pictured below are some of the Brothers of our Lodge who attended Filipino Heritage Night, July 7, 2022, at Dodger Stadium. The golden sun and the small stars on the sleeves of their Dodgers shirts allude to the flag of the Phillippines. A fuller description of the flag is available at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag_of_the_Philippines.

Our Lodge is very diverse, with some, not all, who trace their roots to the Phillippines. Others in the Lodge enjoy their heritages stemming from the Middle East (Lebanon, Syria), from Western Asia (Armenia and also the historical region known as the Pale of Settlement), and from the Americas (North and Central).

As does the fraternity as a whole, our Lodge transcends religious, ethnic, cultural, social, and educational differences. We celebrate our ethnic diversity and welcome men of all racial backgrounds. Put simply, we are a group of like-minded individuals who enjoy one another's friendship and fellowship, and we respect our differences without preference for, or bias against, any group or individual. That's what Masonry is all about. DIK.



Dignity and Grandeur Notwithstanding, There is a Social Side to Masonry in our Lodge.

Certainly our ceremonies are full of dignity and grandeur. And our Lodge conducts many such ceremonies. But there is more to life in our Lodge than just ceremonies:

There is the social side of Freemasonry.

In the past month, Lodge members have gathered informally, to enjoy one another's company in various social settings: at Dodger Stadium (see previous page), at a local restaurant for dinner and/or drinks, at the Lodge itself for a beautiful breakfast buffet (see at right).. In August we have a golf tournament. And there is more to come....

Why does this matter?

As the Grand Lodge of California has noted in its 2025 Strategic Plan: "Deep friendship is one of the most important outcomes of Freemasonry. The trust and bonds members forge through their shared values, the ritual experience, and their social ties often last a lifetime. At its best, the membership experience helps members start and nurture those deep relationships."

Also:

"The specific focus on friendship is unique to Freemasonry among similar service organizations, and one of the reasons members stay Masons for life. Promoting Masonic friendships is a priority for the fraternity, so that outsiders see Masonry at its best." *Id.*

There's fun to be had at our social events. And Masons are good at having fun together. DIK.

Images from the Lodge Breakfast, July 16, 2022

Fun and food, friendship and fellowship among Brothers, family and friends [note: pictures of the children in attendance are not included for privacy reasons]:





From our Secretary

Brethren,
I read an article by Norm McEvoy entitled “The Light of a Master Mason” dated May 7, 2011. In short, McEvoy analogizes a Mason to a beacon of light based upon his reading of a definition of “Light” from Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary which includes “a beacon” in the definition. McEvoy’s article asks “what the World would be like if every Freemason became a living Beacon and exemplified all that is best in our Fraternity?”

Here are McEvoy’s thoughts in the words of the article:

“How many times have we come into contact with a brother who is simply a joy to be around, positive in every way, lives life to the fullest and adheres to our Masonic principles. What I also find fascinating is that if you were to ask these brethren WHY they behave the way they do, they would be hard pressed to explain, other than to simply state that “That’s just the way I am.” [¶] Personally I have had the good fortune of meeting many such Brethren & have made the attempt to live up to the very high standards that they demonstrate.... [¶] Through the Mentorship Program, I have come into contact with a number of Seekers who when asked ‘Why are you interested in Freemasonry?’ have told me about a particular man whom they knew to be a Freemason and the impact that that person had on their lives. On one occasion I was told that the impact was so strong that ‘joining Freemasonry was the only sensible thing to do.’”

I think that McEvoy’s words mean that, to him, every Freemason -- who lives up to the

highest standards of the Craft and who joyfully impacts the lives of others is a beacon of Light for all to see. I believe that as well.

Fraternally,
Bro. Akram Al-Awar, Secretary.

First Responders – An Opinion Piece

If you notice on page four, *supra*, the Grand Master has designated the month of August as First Responders Month. MW Wilkins suggests that we honor the First Responders in our Lodge. For privacy, I won’t name them, but the First Responders in our Lodge include Brothers in health care, with the military, and even with a local police department. On behalf of Clarence F. Smith Daylight 866, I salute you, I honor you, I thank you.

I also see “first responders” in our Lodge, but in a different context. These are the Brothers who willingly extend themselves and jump in to help out with officer duties (their own or another’s), with Lodge activities, with anything or any opportunity and wherever and whenever they can be of assistance. Their contributions (mostly behind the scenes, not always) are remarkable and exemplary. The enthusiasm and commitment of these “unsung heroes” for our Lodge impress me beyond words. They are the Beacons of our Lodge (See, Bro. Akram’s article at left) and they and I know who they are. On behalf of Clarence F. Smith Daylight 866, I salute them, I honor them, I thank them.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp, Editor

PS If you are not such a “first responder” in our Lodge please do what you can do to become one. :)

The September edition likely will be the last in this format from me, completing 4 years’ worth. It’s been a pleasure. Thank you for this opportunity. Bro. David I. Karp, Editor

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