

In the



Daylight

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

Foreword ...

September 21, 2022, is the International Day of Peace. The theme this year is “End racism. Build peace.” See, <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>.

Both Freemasonry in general and our Lodge in particular are well suited to ending racism and building peace, both exemplary goals for Masons.

It is no coincidence that the Vision of our Grand Lodge as denoted in its 2025 Strategic Plan is this: “The world in harmony: Building peace and understanding through friendship, service and self-improvement.” Moreover, through this document, the Grand Lodge points out that:

“Lodges [are to] prioritize diversity and inclusivity in communications with members, prospects, and the public, including: [s]tressing the principles and best practices of diversity and inclusion, especially their fundamental role in Freemasonry[;] [m]aking diversity an important consideration in prospecting new members; [and] [m]aking diversity ... an important consideration in appointments including candidate’s coaches, officer’s coach, and lodge officers.”

Grand Lodge also instructs us that “[b]ehavior that runs counter to Masonic values should not be tolerated. Racist or bigoted language is unacceptable.”

In our Lodge, we already excel in our efforts toward a diverse membership, including people in our midst without bigotry or bias against

anyone’s cultural background, language ability, socio-economic status, marital status, religious belief, level of education, etc.

Of course we can do more by reaching out deliberately and intentionally to people like us and not like us in our communities person to person or through social media to make them aware that Freemasonry and our Lodge are havens of peace and harmony in an otherwise challenging, divisive, prejudicial, even racist, bigoted world. We are well positioned to do this as we grow and become a prime example of how “best [to] work and best agree.”

Please enjoy this edition on peace and in peace.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp, Editor



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The UN on the “International Day of Peace, Sept. 21

Editor’s Note: The following is quoted from the United Nations’ page at <https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace> .

“2022 Theme: End racism. Build peace.

“Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

“But achieving true peace entails much more than laying down arms. It requires the building of societies where all members feel that they can flourish. It involves creating a world in which people are treated equally, regardless of their race.

“As Secretary-General António Guterres has said: ‘Racism continues to poison institutions, social structures, and everyday life in every society. It continues to be a driver of persistent inequality. And it continues to deny people their fundamental human rights. It destabilizes societies, undermines democracies, erodes the legitimacy of governments, and ... the linkages between racism and gender inequality are unmistakable.’

“As conflicts continue to erupt across the globe, causing people to flee, we have seen race-based discrimination at borders. As COVID-19 keeps attacking our communities, we have seen how certain racial groups have been hit much harder than others. As economies suffer, we have seen hate speech and violence directed at racial minorities.

“We all have a role to play in fostering peace. And tackling racism is a crucial way to contribute.

We can work to dismantle the structures that entrench racism in our midst. We can support movements for equality and human rights everywhere. We can speak out against hate

speech both offline and online. We can promote anti-racism through education and reparatory justice.

The 2022 theme for the International Day of Peace is “End racism. Build peace.” We invite you to join the efforts of the United Nations as we work towards a world free of racism and racial discrimination. A world where compassion and empathy overcome suspicion and hatred. A world that we can truly be proud of.”

September 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.)

Sept. 1, 2022 Executive Comm. Mtg., 7PM, Zoom. Login will be sent via Messenger/Text

Sept. 3, 2022 Stated Meeting. Tiled. Dress: Casual

Sept. 10, 2022 OSI hosted by us, 9:30AM

Sept. 14, 2022 Fellowship at Lulu’s, 6PM

Sept. 17, 2022 Degree or practice

Sept. 18, 2022 Shriners Run, Balboa Park

Sept. 24, 2022 Degree or practice

Lodge Contact Information

Worshipful Master
Wor. Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan

Secretary
Bro. Akram Alawar

Mutual Recognition by Two California Grand Lodges Mitigates a Segregated System

Editor's Note: The following is summarized from the article in California Freemason, Sept 2021, by Ian A. Stewart at <https://californiafreemason.org/2021/09/02/a-new-beginning/>.

According to Stewart, the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, which traces its origins to 1784 [and is and has been principally composed of African-American Masons], has been in operation continuously in California since 1855. However it and the Grand Lodge of California never officially recognized one another until 1996. As a result, members of the two groups were precluded from pursuing any sort of Masonic work together.

Per Stewart, in 1990, Bro. Del Lauderback, a longtime preacher and special-needs educator, introduced a resolution at Annual Communication recognizing the "regularity" of Prince Hall Masonry in California. He wrote: "A fraternity divided along the lines of color is an anachronism of segregation." For the purpose of investigating the matter, the resolution was withdrawn and two special committees, one for each Grand Lodge, ultimately formed to consider mutual recognition.

Stewart writes: "In 1995, five years after Lauderback's trial resolution set the ball rolling, and with most of the major agreements in place [covering a wide range of details described in the article], the committees drafted virtually identical motions establishing mutual recognition between the Grand Lodge of California and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California.... [¶] The Prince Hall body passed the resolution unanimously. At the Grand Lodge of California's Annual Communication, it passed 1,392 to 124 nearly 92 percent in favor...."

He adds: "Far from being merely some procedural vote, mutual recognition has opened

the door to a new level of cooperation between the two grand lodges. In so doing, it helped deepen the fraternal experience for Masons of all stripes. Since 1996, when the agreement took effect, the Grand Lodge of California has entered into mutual recognition with 35 other Prince Hall grand lodges across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and elsewhere. In turn, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California has similarly entered into recognition agreements with the United Grand Lodge of England and countless other bodies." DIK.



Masons Who Were Awarded the Nobel Peace Prize

Editor's Note: The following list is excerpted and quoted from https://www.freimaurer-wiki.de/index.php/En:Masonic_Noble_Prize_Winners

Dr. Alfred Hermann Fried (1864- 1921): 1911 Nobel Prize for Peace. Brother Alfred was a member of Lodge Sokrates Austria..

George Catlett Marshall (1880 1959): 1953 Nobel Peace Prize. Brother George was made mason "at sight" on the 16. Dec. 1941 by The Grand Master of The District of Columbia.

Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt (1858 - 1919): 1906 Nobel Peace Prize. Brother Roosevelt was a member of Matinecock Lodge No.806. Initiated: Jan. 2 1901. Passed: Mar. 27 1901. Raised Apr. 24 1901.

Gustav Streseman (1878 1929): 1926 Nobel Peace Prize. Brother Gustav was a member of Frederick the Great Lodge No 618 Berlin. Initiated: 1929 .



Masonry's Inner Peace

Editor's Note: The following is excerpted from Growing the Masonic Way by The Very Ills. Bro. Rosario G. Menocal 33o, published 9/27/2018 and available at the website of Gila Valley 9 Masonic Lodge at <https://www.gilavalleylodge9.com/post/growing-the-masonic-way> :

"Masonry provides, for the seeker of Light, a unique training that, if taken seriously, compels him to tread the Path - starting from where he stands right now to unison with the Divine Plan. We need to understand the significance of life and of ourselves, and learn to recognize and overcome the obstacles that impede our vision. For man is meant to be happy and to have the inner peace that is the fruit of duty done. To awaken this awareness of oneness, within ourselves and with the whole, is the goal of Masonry. Thus, the importance of growth achieved through duty well done."

As Free and Accepted Masons, we are taught to make use of the trowel emblematically for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection; that cement which unites us into one sacred band or society or friends among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree. Adapted from The Monitor and Officers' Manual of the Grand Lodge of California, F. & A.M.

CFS Daylight Lodge Officers for 2022

Worshipful Master Wor. Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan
 Senior Warden Bro. Fernando ("Jhonny") O. Lebrilla, Jr.
 Junior Warden Bro. Spartak ("Spo") Khachatryan
 Treasurer Bro. Ramiel Malabanan
 Secretary Bro. Akram Alawar
 Asst. Secretary Bro. Thomas ("Tom") K. Sheehan
 Chaplain Bro Christopher "Toby" Robles
 Senior Deacon WB Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig., PM
 Junior Deacon Bro. Ibbrahim Hannoun
 Marshal Bro Hamood Hamood
 Senior Steward Bro. Elvis Alvarez
 Junior Steward Bro. Gerald Alvarez
 Organist Bro. Michael Chavez
 Tiler Bro. William ("Bill") C. Raddatz
 Officers' Coach WB Steven ("Steve") A. Wolvek, PM
 Candidates' Coach WB Roger L. Soriano, PM
 Inspector WB Leland H. Celestre, PM



Peace and Harmony in Lodge

Editor's Note: The following is excerpted from the article Peace and Harmony by Midnight Freemason Contributor, Bro. Brian Schimian at <http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2016/03/peace-and-harmony.html> :

"Peace and Harmony, seemingly this should be a simple concept. In the aspect of 'within Lodge' the peace and harmony starts with the abstention from conversations related to politics and religion. This is a good start as these topics generally have deep rooted beginnings, which are instilled by our parents and others that we hold as pillars in our lives. Even the most educated and fact based position can and most likely will be taken as an attack against one's self. Also in Lodge, we are supposed to maintain a 'Brotherly' discord when discussing all matters. Should the Brethren of the Lodge fail to subdue their passions, the gavel and word of the Worshipful Master is the final word.

"Peace and Harmony in Lodge is also a pillar of the degree work. If you look at the teachings of all three degrees, you will find that topic repeated, either directly or through ritual and symbolism. Now if you also look at the teachings of the degrees, we learn that the Lodge or Temple is not just considered a physical building, but also to be considered as our mind and body as well. This is possibly easiest to be seen with the symbolism of the rough ashlar and the perfect ashlar. We are always supposed to be using the working tools to not only measure our interactions with the Brethren of the Lodge and those around us every day, but to ensure that we are living our life as upright citizens and continually working on our Temple or Rough Ashlar, molding ourselves into that Perfect Ashlar."

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

Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig (2021)
Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr. (2012)
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2012)
Alberto L. Casanova, Jr. (2014)
Omar Cervantes (2021)
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 (for dedicated Service)

Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig (2022)
Demetrio C. Cahapisan, Jr., PM (2013)
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (Oct. 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)

* Deceased.



Grand Master's Proclamation

SEPTEMBER 2022 IS PUBLIC SCHOOLS MONTH
Crafting Leadership

Whereas California public schools are continuing to face unprecedented challenges related to pandemic recovery, chronic underfunding, and a loss of students, teachers, and staff; and

Whereas California Masons have for more than a century supported public education through the observance of Public Schools Month and its related programs and initiatives; and

Whereas supporting public schools is a bedrock principle of California Masonry; and

Whereas a fair, just, and equitable civil society is predicated on a strong system of public education;

As grand master, I therefore proclaim September 2022 to be Public Schools Month in California.

As California Masonry celebrates the 102nd anniversary of Public Schools Month, support for our schools, teachers, and students has never been more important. Our schools are facing all-new challenges as a result of the pandemic and the subsequent funding gap, and as a result, more of our students are falling behind. The achievement gap in California's schools is widening at an extraordinary pace. It is up to organizations like the Masons of California to help close gaps in funding, technology, and materials that our schools require to ensure that students have equal access to learning and a safe and healthy environment in which to grow. This year, Public Schools Month is being returned to

its historic place on the calendar in the fall, to coincide with the return to school for the fall semester a move based on feedback from our school partners around the state. I call on California Masons to provide aid to their local schools; tutor or mentor students in their community; organize lodge events to improve school grounds and to ensure that students, teachers, and administrators have the equipment they require; and donate to the California Masonic Foundation so that all kids in California have access to the support and materials they need to succeed in school and in life.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Grand Master Jeffery Wilkins

Attest:

Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou

Albert Pike on Masonry and Peace

“Above all remember that Masonry is the realm of peace, and that ‘among Masons there must be no dissension, but only that noble emulation, which can best work and best agree.’ Wherever there is strife and hatred among the Brethren, there is no Masonry; for Masonry is Peace, and Brotherly Love, and Concord. Masonry is the great Peace Society of the world. Wherever it exists, it struggles to prevent international difficulties and disputes; and to bind Republics, Kingdoms, and Empires together in one great band of peace and amity. It would not so often struggle in vain, if Masons knew their power and valued their oaths. (M&D [Morals & Dogma] 6:20 21).”

Source:

<https://scottishrite.org/blog/about/media-publications/journal/article/albert-pike-on-freemasonry-force/>



[WB Archimedes (“Kim”) S. Cabanig, Past Master of Southern California 529, at center, at that lodge after conferral of his Hiram Award there on July 23, 2022. WB Kim is also Senior Deacon of Clarence F. Smith Daylight 866 and is surrounded by some of our Lodge members. Congratulations Hiram!]



[Artwork © Shawn Bell]

Next Month is WB Celso Cardano, Jr.’s, Hiram Award Ceremony! Congratulations!

WB Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM, a founding member of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, Free and Accepted Masons of California, is the Lodge's 2022 recipient of the prestigious Hiram Award.

The Award will be presented on October 8, 2022, at the Lodge. The ceremony will begin at 6:00PM, preceded by a social hour at 5:00PM

and followed by a celebratory dinner at 7:00PM. The dress is formal.

The Hiram Award is presented to Masons for extraordinary, dedicated service to Freemasonry and to the Mason's Lodge.

Although the Hiram Award comes from the Grand Lodge of California, the Mason’s own Lodge chooses its recipient. It is the highest honor given to a Mason aside from being the Master of a Lodge.

The Hiram Award is named as such in reference to an allegorical figure from the Bible that is central to Masonic tradition.

WB Cardano, who will be 41 this month, has been a Master Mason for more than 14 years and is also a member of the Scottish Rite, the York Rite, and Al Malaikah Shriners. Having served in many roles, Worshipful Brother (WB) Cardano was Master of the Daylight Lodge for two years (before and during the pandemic) and previously the Master of another local Lodge.

Presently, WB Cardano also oversees and mentors other lodges in the San Fernando Valley as an "Inspector" for the Grand Lodge of California.

Professionally, Cardano is an engineer, a real estate broker, and an entrepreneur. At all times, within and without Freemasonry, he is amiable, professional, caring, generous and a friend to all.

He is the father of four children and married to his lovely wife, Crisandra.

Congratulations to WB Celso V. Cardano, Jr., PM, on being named by Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge for this honor. DIK.



[Third Degree Conferral for Bro. Ian Orquiola, July 30, 2022. Congratulations!]



[Our Water Station the last time we did this.]

Shriners' Run, September 18, and a Picnic Thereafter

The Shriners' Run, actually entitled "Walk & Run 2 Heal Kids 5K 10K," will take place on September 18, 2022, at Balboa Park, 6350 Woodley Ave., Woodley Park, Van Nuys, CA US 91406.

As we did last time, we will "man" a water station to pass out water to the runners.

A picnic for the Lodge will follow.

More information about the event itself can be found at <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/events/2022/walk-run-to-heal> .

This will be the Last Edition of "In the Daylight"

My Brothers,
In 2018, WB Steve Wolvek, PM, stood up in Lodge one day and remarked that the Lodge did not have a formal Trestle Board for its members. I do not know what came over me at the time, but as a newcomer to the Lodge and as a perpetual Side Liner, I offered to produce the Lodge's Trestle Board as my small contribution to this then-fledgling Lodge. Little did I know then how

meaningful it would become for me personally to make this contribution.

I dutifully embarked upon its publication and continued month after month, until reaching this milestone: This is now the 48th monthly edition, I think, and I have cherished the opportunity to write, edit and publish all this time.

As editor, I learned so much about myself and about Freemasonry. In fact, it has been quite an educational journey for me as I focused on what is the meaning of Freemasonry and why I have loved it for 31 years as a Master Mason.

For those readers who joined the Lodge after I started this project, please know that the entire library of past editions is still a source for Masonic Education. All of the monthly newsletters to date and some special editions are available on our website at

<https://clarencefsmith.org/> courtesy of our webmaster, Bro. Spartak. Maybe read the ones that were published prior to your joinder in the Lodge. Lots of good stuff to be found there.

I take this moment humbly to thank the Lodge for this opportunity. I have always been a writer, but these past four years have given me a chance to hone my craft ... for the Craft.

Everything comes to an end however, and so does my tenure as the producer of this newsletter. Four years is quite enough. Among other reasons, I have simply run out of ideas for future editions with so much already covered by the prior ones.

Henceforth, unless and until someone wishes to take over the task, I will try to distribute a simplified monthly Trestle Board mainly to set forth the monthly calendar if known to me. No articles will be sought or included.

Again, I say thank you for this opportunity. It has been quite an experience for me and I hope it was a benefit to the Lodge.

Fraternally, Bro. David I. Karp