

In the



Daylight

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Season of Love

Foreword...

I had an idea for a theme for February, so maybe this newsletter will be bi-monthly (if not quarterly (or whenever a theme comes to mind.) Who knows?!

Anyway the theme for this mid-winter edition, "Season of Love," alludes to the song, *Seasons of Love*, from the hit Broadway musical, *Rent*.

Rent "is a rock musical with music, lyrics, and book by Jonathan Larson, loosely based on Giacomo Puccini's 1896 opera *La Bohème*. It tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists struggling to survive and create a life in Lower Manhattan's East Village in the thriving days of bohemian Alphabet City, under the shadow of HIV/AIDS." See,

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rent_\(musical\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rent_(musical))

In *Rent*, *Seasons of Love* is performed in the second act. See,

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

"The song starts with an ostinato piano motif, which provides the harmonic framework for the cast to sing "Five hundred twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes" (the number of minutes in a common year)... The lyrics ask what the proper way is to quantify the value of a year in human life, concluding in the chorus that the most effective means is to 'measure in love.'" (*Id*).

February is a month for celebrating love, both in honoring our Widows (see, pp.2, 11) and in honoring our loved ones with Valentine's Day.

In fact, our Lodge will celebrate both on February 11, as WM Jhonny Lebrilla has declared it to be Widows and Sweethearts Day, with appropriate honors and love. Probably this will include a dinner and presentations.

Moreover, Masons celebrate Brotherly Love year round, it being one of the three principal tenets of our Craft:

"[I]t means that we place on another man the highest possible valuation as a friend; a companion, an associate, a neighbour, a fellow. Merely to be with him, merely to spend hours in his company, to have the privilege of working at his side, is all we ask. We do not ask that from our relationship we shall make money, or further our business interests, or achieve some other form of selfish gain. Our relationship with such a one is its own excuse for being, its own justification, its own reward. All of us know that this Brotherly Love is one of the supreme things without which life is a lonely, unhappy, dreary kind of thing. This is not a hope or a dream, but a fact-as real as day and night, or as the law of gravity." [Quoted from a Facebook post at <https://www.facebook.com/GrandLodgeScotland/posts/the-tenets-of-freemasonry-brotherly-love-relief-and-truththe-principal-or-chief-/1139474496138130/>].

As we embark on this season of love, please keep in your hearts and minds fellow Masons, your families and friends, and all whom you cherish in your lives.

Please enjoy this edition.

Fraternally,

Bro. David I. Karp, Editor.

Grand Master's February Proclamation

FEBRUARY 2023 IS MASONIC
WIDOWS MONTH
Fulfilling Our Obligations

Whereas our obligation as Masons pledges us to keep our brothers' families close to our hearts, treating their loved ones with the same respect we would afford our own; and

Whereas when our brother's name has been entered upon the roll of the celestial lodge above, we cannot be unmindful of our obligation to support his beloved widow; therefore,

As grand master, I proclaim February 2023 to be Masonic Widows Month in California.

I encourage each Mason in California to reexamine, or implement their current widows' recognition program to ensure the program proves to every Masonic widow that they are not alone, and that you are there for them and you care. Not just once a year, but during every hour of every day.

I also urge every Mason to look at the documents in iMember that will assist you in honoring your widows (under "Lodge Resources for Widows"). There you will find the following documents: A "Guide for Lodge Widows Committee," suggestions for "Masonic Widows Events," the "Masonic Widow's Pin Flyer" (suitable for framing and posting at or near the tiler's desk), and information for obtaining Masonic assistance through the Masonic Homes of California.

It should be our goal to always care for our widows so each departed brother is able to look down upon our labors here on earth and say, "Thank you my brethren for remembering my widow. Well done my good and faithful brother. Well done."

Sincerely and fraternally,
Grand Master Randall Brill
Attest: Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou

February 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.)

February 2, 2023, 7PM – Exec. Comm. Mtg., on Zoom

February 4, 2023, 11AM – Stated Mtg. Dress: business casual. Lunch donation \$10.

February 11, 2023 – Widows & Sweethearts Dinner

February 15, 2023, 6PM – CFS Dinner Group, Presidente Restaurant, 11451 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills, CA 91345. For Masons & non-Masons. See p. 8

February 18, 2023 – 8AM, OSI* at CFS., then a possible Degree

February 25, 2023, – First Degree

*OSI = Officers' School of Instruction

Looking Ahead to March

March 2, 2023, 7PM – Exec. Comm. Mtg. on Zoom

March 4, 2023, 11AM – Stated Mtg. Dress: business casual. Lunch donation \$10.

March 11, 2023 – Practice

March 18, 2023 – First Degree (2X?)

March 25, 2023 – Family Day

March 30, 2023, 7PM – Exec. Comm. Mtg. on Zoom



More on Brotherly Love

Editor's Note: The following is quoted from an online open letter by David J. Llewellyn, P.M., East Point Lodge No. 288, Gate City Lodge No. 2, at <https://www.gatecity2.org/news/2009/01/open-letter-from-david-j-llewellyn.html>. [He must have been addressing some disharmony or conflicts among fellow Masons.]

“As Free and Accepted Masons we are taught that the first great tenet of our Fraternity is Brotherly Love. By it we do not mean that we are all of one opinion in all matters, personal and political. By it we do not mean that we are all the same in religion, creed, nationality, race, political opinion, status or fortune. Rather the concept teaches us, in the words of the Georgia Masonic Manual, ‘to regard the whole human species as one family; the high and the low, the rich and the poor, who, as created by one Almighty Parent and inhabitants of the same planet, are to aid, support and protect each other. On this principle, masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and conciliates true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained at perpetual distance.’

“... Masonically speaking, “Brotherly Love” means “charity” in the truest sense of the word: benevolent goodwill toward and love of humanity without any consideration being given to those artificial distinctions that are the creation of human prejudice, weakness, and greed. It is the chief lesson of the Entered Apprentice degree. No true Mason can bear ill will toward another, brother or not, unless the other violates the moral law, the laws of the land, or, if a brother, the laws of Masonry. Even then the true Mason must not hate him, but must [hope] for the miscreant’s reform.

“If Masons understand this first great tenet of Freemasonry and follow it in their daily lives, their lodges will be places of peace and the Fraternity as a whole will be an institution where brotherly love prevails and where every moral

and social virtue cements us. Moreover, Masonry will be understood and recognized by [others] as a force for human unity and happiness.

CFS Daylight’s Officers for 2023

Worshipful Master
Wor. Fernando (“Jhonny”) O. Lebrilla, Jr.
Senior Warden
Bro. Spartak (“Spo”) Khachatryan
Junior Warden Bro. Gerald J. Alvarez
Treasurer Bro. Ramiel Malabanan
Secretary Bro. Akram Al-Awar
Asst. Secretary
Bro. Thomas (“Tom”) K. Sheehan
Chaplain Bro. Virgilio (“Virgil”) A. Maravillas, Sr.
Senior Deacon
WB Archimedes (“Kim”) S. Cabanig, PM
Junior Deacon Bro. Elvis L. Alvarez
Marshal Bro. Hamood Hamood
Senior Steward Bro. Raffi Hovhannisyan
Junior Steward Bro. Joseph R. Chavez
Organist Bro. Mark G. Cano
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

Contact information:

Master: Worshipful, Jhonny Lebrilla

Sec’y: Bro. Akram Al-Awar



Freemason Quotes: Valentine's Day Edition

Editor's Note: The following clever collection of quotes comes from the editors, contributors, and Brothers connected with "The Midnight Freemasons" at http://www.midnightfreemasons.org/2012/02/freemason-quotes-valentine-day-edition_14.html.

Here they are:

"My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me." ~Sir Winston Churchill, Studholme Lodge No. 1591, England.

"Love is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination." ~Voltaire, Lodge of the Nine Sisters, France,

"Two times a week, my wife and I go to a nice restaurant, have a little beverage, good food and companionship. She goes on Tuesdays; I go on Fridays." ~Red Skelton, Vincennes Lodge No. 1, Indiana.

"If you are not too long, I will wait here for you all my life." ~Oscar Wilde, Apollo University Lodge No. 357, England.

"I believe in the institution of marriage, and I intend to keep trying till I get it right." ~Richard Pryor, Henry Brown Lodge No. 22 PHA, Illinois.

"Heaven grant us patience with a man in love." ~Rudyard Kipling, Hope and Esperence Lodge No. 782, India.

CFS Daylight's 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)
Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan (2022)

Past Masters by Affiliation

Archimedes ("Kim") S. Cabanig, (2021)
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)
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (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.



Valentine's Day

Editor's Note: This is from a webpage of the Library of Congress at <https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/february-14/>.

“On February 14, Americans celebrate love and friendship by exchanging cards, flowers, and candy. Although the origins of Valentine's Day are murky, ancient Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia, a spring festival, on the fifteenth of February. Like so many holidays, a Christian gloss was added to the pagan fete when the holiday moved to the fourteenth of February the saint day associated with several early Christian martyrs named Valentine.

“The romance we associate with Valentine's Day may spring from the medieval belief that birds select their mates on February 14. During the Middle Ages, lovers recited verse or prose to one another in honor of the day. The Nuremberg Chronicle (published in 1493) is believed to contain the first in-print mention of Saint Valentine, though his role as patron saint of lovers was not mentioned.[fn.]

“Handmade valentines, probably the first greeting cards, appeared in the sixteenth century. Mass production of cards began as early as 1800. Initially hand-tinted by factory workers, by the early twentieth century even fancy lace and ribbon-strewn cards were created by machine.”

Masons Honor Widows

Editor's note: The following is excerpted from the Montgomery County Police Reporter, posted: 13.4.2014 at <https://montgomerycountypolicereporter.com/masons-honor-widows/>.

“The Masons of the Sam B. Crawford Masonic Lodge honored the Widows of five deceased Masons in a ceremony Saturday night. They were each awarded the Masonic Widow's Pins and the Hummingbird Pin, the latter of which was created by the current Grand Master of Texas' First Lady....

“The Masonic Widow's Pin is an emblem to remind our widows that ‘You are not alone,’ as said by Worshipful Master Stephen Carlisle. It was created with the hope that it would be worn by the widow of a Master Mason on all appropriate occasions and during travel, so that she may be recognized, greeted, and assisted when necessary, by Masonic friends throughout the world.

“‘One of the basic [tenets] of a Mason's profession is Relief,’ he said. ‘It's very important that we don't forget the widows of our brothers who have been supporters of this fraternity all these years. After I'm gone, I know that my wife, Laura, will have relief a phone call away.’

“‘There are individuals who are fighting the battles of life with no weapons. Some are old and full of years; others are ill; others lonely. Some need encouragement; others need someone to talk to, or to run their errands, or to write their letters. More than anything else, many want only the assurance that they are needed.’”

Our Lodge honors three Masonic Widows this month. See Wor. Jhonny's article, p.11.



Summary of the Respect for Marriage Act

Editor's note: The following is quoted verbatim from <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8404>.

Public Law No: 117-228 (12/13/2022)
Respect for Marriage Act

This act provides statutory authority for same-sex and interracial marriages.

Specifically, the act replaces provisions that define, for purposes of federal law, marriage as between a man and a woman and spouse as a person of the opposite sex with provisions that recognize any marriage between two individuals that is valid under state law. (The Supreme Court held that the current provisions were unconstitutional in *United States v. Windsor* in 2013.)

The act also replaces provisions that do not require states to recognize same-sex marriages from other states with provisions that prohibit the denial of full faith and credit or any right or claim relating to out-of-state marriages on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, or national origin. (The Supreme Court held that state laws barring same-sex marriages were unconstitutional in *Obergefell v. Hodges* in 2015; the Court held that state laws barring interracial marriages were unconstitutional in *Loving v. Virginia* in 1967.) The act allows the Department of Justice to bring a civil action and establishes a private right of action for violations.

The act does not (1) affect religious liberties or conscience protections that are available under the Constitution or federal law, (2) require religious organizations to provide goods or services to formally recognize or celebrate a marriage, (3) affect any benefits or rights that do not arise from a marriage, or (4) recognize under federal law any marriage between more than two individuals.



More Quotes

First love is only a little foolishness and a lot of curiosity. George Bernard Shaw.

Love is sentimental measles. Charles Kingsley

Love: A temporary insanity curable by marriage. Ambrose Bierce

The love game is never called off on account of darkness. Anon.

Love: The only fire for which there is no insurance. Anon.

Take away love and our earth is a tomb. Robert Browning.

Three things can't be hidden: coughing, poverty, and love. Folk saying.

Love is a serious mental disease. Plato
Love is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. H.L. Mencken

One is very crazy when in love. Sigmund Freud

Source: Rosten, Leo. *Leo Rosten's Carnival of Wit*. New York: A Dutton Book, 1994. Print. pp. 286-290.

Masons Love Their Bro., Geo. Washington, whose Birthday is Feb. 22 (1732)

Editor's Note: The following text is
quoted from a web page of the George
Washington Masonic National

Memorial at

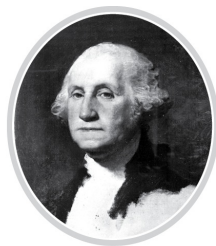
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“George Washington, The Mason

“George Washington joined the Masonic Lodge in Fredericksburg, Virginia, at the age of twenty in 1752. During the War for Independence, General Washington attended Masonic celebrations and religious observances in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He also supported Masonic lodges that formed within army regiments.

“At his first inauguration in 1791, President Washington took his oath of office on a Bible from St. John's Lodge in New York. During his two terms, he received Masonic delegations from several states, and participated over the cornerstone-laying ceremony for the U.S. Capitol in 1793.

“In retirement, Washington became charter Master of the newly chartered Alexandria Lodge No. 22, sat for a portrait in his Masonic regalia, and in death, was buried with Masonic honors.”



Gen'l George Washington Loves His Wife Martha

Editor's Note: The following text is
quoted from
<https://www.mountvernon.org/george-washington/facts/washington-stories/a-love-letter-from-general-washington/>

“Phila., June 23d 1775.

My dearest,

As I am within a few Minutes of leaving this City, I could not think of departing from it without dropping you a line; especially as I do not know whether it may be in my power to write again till I get to the Camp at Boston I go fully trusting in that Providence, which has been more bountiful to me than I deserve, & in full confidence of a happy meeting with you sometime in the Fall I have not time to add more, as I am surrounded with Company to take leave of me I retain an unalterable affection for you, which neither time or [*sic*] distance can change, my best love to Jack & Nelly, & regard for the rest of the Family concludes me with the utmost truth & sincerity.

Your entire,

Go: Washington”



Image attribution: National Archives at
<https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/washingtons-birthday> .



Fostering Brotherly Love – New CFS Dinner Group Formed

Grand Lodge's 2025 Strategic Plan recognizes that Masons develop and value true friendships with their Brothers:

“At its best, the membership experience helps members start and nurture those deep relationships.” Further: “By ensuring that members recognize the deep and lasting relationships Masons develop, the fraternity will not only increase its relevance to current members, but also demonstrate to prospects and the outside world its enormous impact on people’s lives.” Finally: “Lodges will plan activities that provide more opportunities for social and fraternal connections among members. *Building even small traditions into the culture of the lodge that help members get to know each other can deepen the friendships between members.*” [Emphasis added.] Strategic Plan, pp. 2-3.

To build into the culture of our Lodge a small tradition of regular, social gatherings outside the Lodge, some of our members, even before the pandemic, began meeting socially monthly for drinks and dinner at Lulu’s Restaurant and Sports Bar in Van Nuys, a restaurant owned by a Brother Mason. It has been an opportunity also to bring in non-Masons who might later ask to become members. While it was most enjoyable for those in attendance, not so many Brothers attended regularly, unfortunately. Over time, the group sometimes dwindled to the four Brothers who regularly attended: Bros. Akram Al-Awar,

Barry Mann, Bill Raddatz, and David Karp. Others appeared sporadically to join in the fellowship and camaraderie.

To attempt to draw more participants, we moved the date and time of our gathering, but these changes had little effect. Now it was time for a bigger change, hopefully with the outcome of including more Brothers.

Accordingly, a Facebook group chat was established among the four regulars, called the “CFS Dinner Group.” Others were invited, and WB’s Celso Cardano, Roger Soriano, and Jhonny Lebrilla joined the group chat along with Bros. Gerald Alvarez, Joe Chavez, Steven Engstrom, and Tom Sheehan, all or nearly all of whom have come for dinner at Lulu’s on occasion. (Others yet may join the group chat if they so desire, contact Bro. David to be added.)

Now the group has voted for when and where to continue our monthly dinner fellowship. In February, we will meet for dinner on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 6PM, at Presidente Restaurant, 11451 Sepulveda Blvd, Mission Hills, CA 91345. (To join the CFS Dinner Group for dinner there and then, RSVP to Bro. David.)

In the following months, the CFS Dinner Group plans to continue to meet we enjoy one another’s company but it may be on a different day of the month and/or at a different restaurant, depending upon how the CFS Dinner Group decides.

As the Strategic Plan notes: “While members overall report that they highly value their membership, only half of members are engaged with their lodge, with only a third of members highly engaged. Creating a lodge atmosphere where members feel engaged will help them develop true friendships.”

So, engage with us, the CFS Dinner Group, in a restaurant setting, where our friendships are nourished and sustained.

Fraternally, Bro. David I. Karp

Lodge Officers Duly Installed and Fêted in January

Brothers, family, and friends witnessed the formal and impressive Installation of Officers of Clarence F. Smith Daylight No. 866, on January 21, 2023. The list of officers is on page 3, above. Hearty congratulations to each one.

Three Past Masters led the ceremony: Worshipful Brothers Jovi Rivera, Installing Officer; Roger Soriano, Installing Chaplain, and Celso Cardano, Jr., Master of Ceremonies.

WB Edgar Yeghiazaryan, now our Immediate Past Master, opened the ceremonies with his own impressive remarks (see next page). Los Angeles Commandery No. 9, Knights Templars (in full uniform) presented the Flag of our Country and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Each elected and appointed officer thereafter was installed in turn. Later, each officer whose wife or significant other was in attendance gave her a token of love and appreciation with a bouquet of flowers. There was even some smooching going on.

After being installed as the Lodge's fifth Worshipful Master, Fernando O. ("Jhonny") Lebrilla, Jr., shown at right with his lovely lady, Jane Abad, regaled us with a colorful account of his Masonic past: It began in the Phillippines where he was employed as a teenage caretaker of a Masonic Lodge there. That was followed, years later after emigrating to the United States, with an introduction to and initiation in Granada Hills Lodge No. 368, which inspired him one day to ascend to the East as Master of a Lodge.

Finally, upon reaching that goal, there he stood before the assembly, a just and upright Mason, accepting the duties and responsibilities of his station. Worshipful Jhonny received a standing ovation with resounding applause and the Brethren saluted him with a battery of Three-Times-Three.

Also during the event, two talented young women pianists, Mia and Natalie (daughters of a Brother), entertained, each with a beautiful solo. We were lucky to hear such accomplished musicians play for us.

Following the Installation ceremony, Brothers, family and guests gathered in the social hall for a lavish spread and delicious dinner thanks to Brother Ely Ayao and his crew of volunteers.

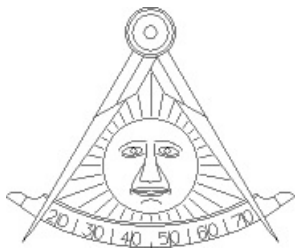
Our official photographer, Bro. Steve Engstrom, captured the entire event with his impressive camera, even including table pictures as at a wedding etc..

Everyone had a great time, this writer included.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp



[Wor. Jhonny and Jane, celebrating]



From Our Immediate Past Master

Editor's Note: The following is excerpted from WB Edgar Yeghiazaryan, PM's speech at the Installation of Officers on January 21, 2023.

"2022 was a very busy and interesting year. In addition to other events during my term as Master, we led many Masons through their Degrees: We raised 17 Master Masons, passed 12 Fellow-Crafts and initiated a number of Entered Apprentices. None of this would have occurred without the help of my Officers and those of other Lodges. Today I want to thank everyone who helped in this regard....

"Masonry asks us to improve ourselves and to become better men. Being Master was a learning opportunity for me. In 2022, I believe I improved myself in my Masonic, professional, and personal life, sharpening key skills in leadership, time management, honesty, and teamwork. I thank Freemasonry and this Lodge for that gift.

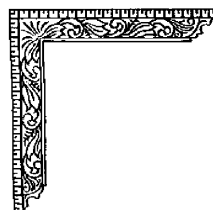
"To review, I believe that Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge, although only five years old, is one of the fastest growing lodges in California. We have achieved that success by working together, as Brothers, as friends, and as a family. Moreover, I strongly believe that our incoming Worshipful Master, Johnny Lebrilla, will lead us to greater heights with his dedication, motivation and enthusiasm. Under his leadership, our Lodge's good name, reputation, and traditions,

will be strengthened and we will be the Lodge that other Lodges look-to. Of course, it goes without saying that all of our officers and members contribute greatly to our success; I am certain they will continue to do so.

"For our upcoming Master and officers, there is a lot of hard work and learning ahead of you, so be focused and persistent and you will be successful. As immediate Past Master, I will always be there to support and help when needed.

"Finally, I express my special thanks to all of you for giving me an opportunity to serve the Lodge as Worshipful Master. Thank you very much."

Fraternally,
WB Edgar Yeghiazaryan, PM



From our New Worshipful Master in the East

Brethren,
As this new Masonic year begins, I would like to address two important subjects: January's Installation of Officers and February's Masonic Widows Month.

As to the first item, I would like to congratulate all of the newly installed officers of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge #866 F.& A.M. of California and our Immediate Past Master Edgar Yeghiazaryan. The Brethren of Fratline Emblematism (<https://www.fratline.net/>) also wish us a successful term. I pray, too, that the Grand Architect will bless us all with Wisdom and Health to govern our Lodge during 2023.

In addition, I would like to thank the Installing Officers who woke up early to make this a special event that went so smoothly and beautifully. I am also grateful for the generous welcome extended to all the Past Masters, and to my family and friends. So Let this year 2023 start strong and may harmony always prevail among us.

Having accepted the responsibilities as sitting Master of this Lodge, I pledge, as charged, to be “faithful to the trust committed to [my] care, and manifest ... all fidelity to [our] principles by a strict observance of the Constitutions of our Fraternity; by adhering to the Ancient Landmarks thereof; and by refusing to recommend anyone to a participation in our privileges, unless [we] have strong reasons to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our ancient Institution.”

Moreover, in the words of Ronnie Liang, from his Facebook post of 11/7/22: “I know nothing is permanent in this world. A famous actor/singer will fade its fame, a licensed pilot will retire, his license will expire, or a soldier will fall or retire because of age. Yes, no one is indispensable, but at least [I] know that before that time comes, [I will have done my] best to use God's given talent, strength, and influence: to serve, help, inspire, be part of the solution, and be productive.”

Now turning to the second item of (equal if not greater) importance: February's Masonic Widows Month.

I want to mention these three wonderful women, each affiliated in some way with Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge, who have supported their Masonic husbands in their careers and in life. We honor them, we include them, we wish them long life, and we thank them for all they have done in support of Freemasonry. The Lodge will present Masonic Widows' Pins to each. They are:

Yvonne Dipre, wife of our departed WB Aldo Arthur Dipre PM, member no. 85912, previously Master of Van Nuys No. 450.

Stella Haecker, wife of our departed WB Irving Max Haecker PM, Member No. 91434, Past Master of Clarence F. Smith No. 482 who also received his Hiram Award and 50 Year Anniversary pin as well.

Shelley Pitassi, wife of our departed WB Xavier Angelo (“Sam”) Pitassi, PM, member no. 99248, previously Master of both North Hollywood Lodge No 542 and Oasis Lodge No 854, also a Grand Lodge Inspector, Grand Sword Bearer, and Hiram Award recipient, who might have been our first Master of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge (UD) but for his ascension to the Eternal Lodge above.

Brethren, each of these fine women would be delighted if you were to think of them or call or visit to say hello or to offer some words of kindness or help. Their contact information is available in iMember2.0 (search their husband's name or member number) or contact our Secretary or Assistant Secretary for assistance.

Fraternally,

Wor. Fernando O. (“Jhonny”) Lebrilla, Jr.
Master

