

In the



Daylight

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July 2023

The Moon & The Sea of Tranquility

Foreword...

It is July, and I am reminded of the moon landing of Apollo 11 on July 20, 1969, upon the Sea of Tranquility. See, <https://airandspace.si.edu/explore/stories/apollo-11-moon-landing>. I saw it on television as a teenager and was spellbound. I even collected magazines about it, but alas, those were given away long ago. To this day, I marvel at the scientific achievement of the moon landing and wonder about future advancements in science, technology, and the societal values of open-mindedness, peace, harmony and tranquility that brought together viewers of that singular event from all over the world.

Tranquility has many synonyms that help define it: calmness, composure, stillness, serenity, quietude, etc. <https://www.thesaurus.com/browse/tranquility>.

I feel a sense of tranquility when I enter our Lodge room and sit with my Masonic Brothers. This is because of the harmony and peacefulness of our Lodge: many Brothers of different backgrounds and beliefs gathering in a protected and private space enjoying friendship and camaraderie with one another, without rancor or undue agitation, and savoring the experience. Even if occasionally we might disagree, we do so amicably and respectfully, harmony being the strength and support of our institution.

The Lodge room is a quiet space, a sea of tranquility and respect, as each one of us therein is able to reflect upon the significance and ideals

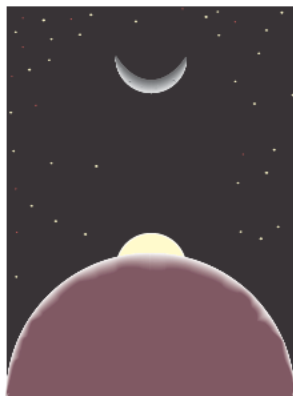
of our ceremonies as they are performed and witnessed. It is also a quiet space as only one member may speak at a time and only with the permission of the Master. The courtesy and kindness of our ancient institution is instilled in all of us.

We have a rich history to which we give due deference, and from that Masonic history, we know the importance of promoting our harmony and tranquility in Lodge, of encouraging, protecting and preserving our diversity and inclusiveness, and of practicing out of the Lodge those great moral duties which are inculcated in it.

As you read this edition, please enter into your own sea of tranquility perhaps in a comfortable chair in your own quiet space. You might even think about the extraordinary circumstances that allow us to dwell together in peace and harmony. Or you might think about the moon landing, the Sea of Tranquility, and even our Masonic astronauts, as may be described in some of the following pages. In any event, I hope you enjoy July's newsletter.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp
Editor

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Sea of Tranquility

Editor's note: The following is quoted from <https://airandspace.si.edu/explore/stories/apollo-11-moon-landing> :

“For the first lunar landing, the Sea of Tranquility (*Mare Tranquilitatis*) was the site chosen because it is a relatively smooth and level area. It does, however, have some craters and in the last minutes before landing, Neil Armstrong had to manually pilot the lunar module to avoid a sharp-rimmed ray crater measuring some 180 meters across and 30 meters deep known as West. The lunar module landed safely some 6 km from the originally intended landing site, approximately 400 meters west of West crater and 20km south-southwest of the crater Sabine D in the southwestern part of *Mare Tranquilitatis*. The lunar surface at the landing site consisted of fragmental debris ranging in size from fine particles to blocks about 0.8 meter wide.”



(Seat of Tranquility?)

July 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.)

June 29, 2023 – 7PM, Exec. Comm. Mtg on Zoom

July 1, 2023 – 11AM – Stated Mtg. Lunch donation \$10.

July 8, 2023 – Second Degree Practice

July 12, 2023, 6PM, No-host casual fellowship dinner at Lulu's Restaurant, 16900 Roscoe Blvd Van Nuys, CA 91406.

July 15, 2023 – Fellowship/2nd Deg. Practice

July 22, 2023 – Second Degree Conferral

July 29 2023 – Family Day

Special Editor's Note:

Your editor will be out of town July 17-26. Therefore, an abbreviated August edition will be published by no later than July 14.

Looking Ahead to August and September

Aug 3, 2023 – 7PM, Exec. Comm. Mtg on Zoom

Aug 5, 2023 – 11AM – Stated Mtg. Lunch donation \$10.

Aug 12, 19, 26, 2023 – Dark (but degree practices)

Sept. 2, 2023 - Dark (Labor Day Weekend)

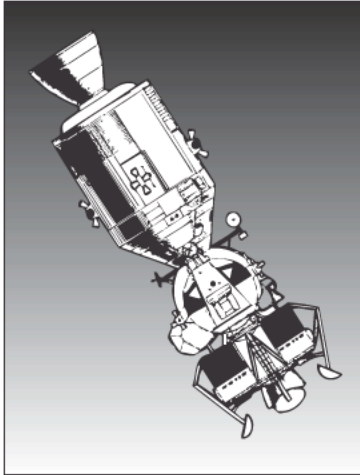
Sept. 7, 2023 – 7PM, Exec. Comm. Mtg on Zoom

Sept. 9, 2023, 10AM Stated Meeting followed by Teacher Appreciation/Public Schools Event. Lunch donation \$10.

Sept. 16, 23, 30 - To Be Determined

Sept. 20, 2023 – 7PM, OSI (Home Lodge 721)

Not yet determined – CFS Dinner Group at a restaurant – will be announced via Facebook

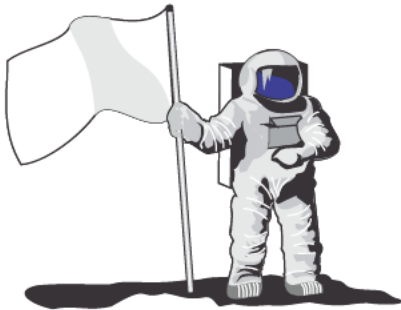


The Eagle Has Landed

Editor's Note: The following is also quoted from

<https://airandspace.si.edu/explore/stories/apollo-11-moon-landing>:

“After four days traveling to the Moon, the Lunar Module Eagle, carrying Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the Moon. Neil Armstrong exited the spacecraft and became the first human to walk on the moon. As an estimated 650 million people watched, Armstrong proclaimed ‘That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.’ [¶] Michael Collins stayed aboard the Command Module Columbia, serving as a communications link and photographing the lunar surface.”



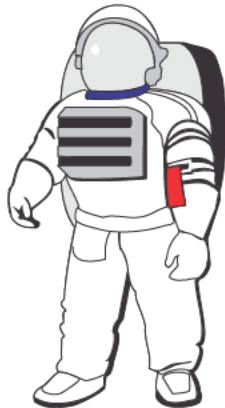
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Masonic Astronauts

An online article of the Scottish Rite Northern Masonic District, at <https://scottishritenmj.org/blog/masonic-astronauts>, identifies several of our Brethren who participated in our country's space program. Three are highlighted below, as quoted from the said page:

“Ill. John Glenn, Jr., 33°

“Illustrious John Glenn, 33° was an inspiration to many, both inside the fraternity and beyond. He was an American hero, serving in both World War II and the Korean War, and flying 149 missions, ultimately becoming a decorated astronaut and United States senator. His accomplishments amongst the stars were many, as he was the first American to orbit the Earth aboard Friendship 7 on February 20, 1962, on the Mercury-Atlas 6 mission. For this feat, President John F. Kennedy presented him with the NASA Distinguished Service Medal.

“Glenn had a long and accomplished journey in Freemasonry beginning in 1964 when he petitioned Concord Lodge No. 688 in his hometown of New Concord, Ohio. He didn't officially join the fraternity until August 19, 1978, where he was made a “Mason at Sight” by the Grand Master of Ohio, Jerry C. Rastor. He later earned his Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Cincinnati on April 11, 1997. The very next year he was named Sovereign Grand Inspector General and became a 33rd degree

Scottish Rite Mason, Honorary Member of the Supreme Council. During his last journey to space in 1998, he wore his 33° degree ring and made history as the oldest man to travel to space at the age of 77.”

“Virgil “Gus” Grissom

“Born in Indiana, where he would one day become a member of Mitchell Lodge, No. 228, he was enthralled with flying from a young age, Grissom enlisted in the recently formed United States Air Force in 1951. While he would go on to fly 100 combat missions in the Korean War as a wingman, he never saw combat.

“A few years later, Bro. Grissom was selected as a Project Mercury astronaut and became the second man to venture into outer space on July 21, 1961. Sadly, in 1967, while training for what would be the first Apollo mission, a fire was sparked in the oxygen rich capsule and sadly killed Grissom during a pre-launch test.

“In honor of his service to the country, Grissom was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. A true pioneer who helped to greatly advance the United States' space program, his funeral was attended by President Johnson and members of the U.S. Congress.”

“Col. “Buzz” Aldrin

“The first Mason on the moon and a member of the Apollo 11 expedition, Brother Edwin Eugene (Buzz) Aldrin, Jr. has had an extraordinary journey as a man and as a Freemason. Piloted by Bro. Aldrin himself, the first moonwalk was a momentous occasion for all humanity and a proud day for Freemasonry.

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“In fact, Aldrin received a special deputation from the Grand Master of Texas, J. Guy Smith to open a Representation of the Grand Lodge of Texas on the Moon and establish Masonic Territorial Jurisdiction there for the Grand Lodge of Texas. He carried the deputation to the moon on that famous moon landing in 1969.

“Brother Aldrin was initiated into Freemasonry at Oak Park Lodge No. 864 in Alabama and raised at Lawrence N. Greenleaf Lodge, No. 169 in Colorado. He is also a member of York Rite and Arabia Shrine Temple of Houston.”

Tranquility Lodge No. 2000

Editor’s Note: The following is quoted from <https://tl2k.org/history/> :

“Tranquility Lodge 2000 was Chartered by The Grand Lodge of Texas for the purpose of promoting, encouraging, conducting and fostering the principles of Freemasonry, and to assist in promoting the health, welfare, education and patriotism of children worldwide.

“The Grand Lodge of Texas is the first Grand Lodge to have a Member step onto the Moon, Brother Buzz Aldrin, in 1969. Through this event, The Grand Lodge of Texas has Chartered Tranquility Lodge 2000 for the purpose providing Fraternal Assistance to Masonic Organizations and other worthy organizations who help make life better for all living on Earth.

Tranquility Lodge 2000 is based in Texas under auspices of The Grand Lodge of Texas until such time as the Lodge may hold its meetings on the Moon. Our meetings are held quarterly at various cities in Texas, with the annual meeting being held in Waco each July.

“Providing support and assistance to Masonic Organizations and to other worthy organizations who help make life better for all living on the Earth requires the support of all worthy Freemasons around the World.... Membership in Tranquility Lodge 2000 helps in providing that

assistance while offering Fraternal Brotherhood with Good Men of like mind.”

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)

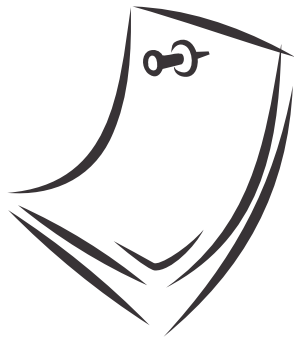
Past Masters who are “Honorary Members”

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.



Historical Dates in July

Past July editions of this newsletter (see, <https://clarencefsmith.org/trestle-board/>) have discussed the following occurrences. They are noted here because of their historical significance:

July 4, 1776 Independence Day celebrating the signing and publication of the Declaration of Independence.

July 1-3, 1863 Battle of Gettysburg.

These events are worth remembering as there were many Masons involved in both. See, e.g., <https://clarencefsmith.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/July-2019.pdf>. DIK.



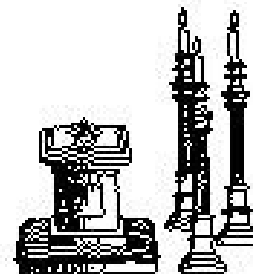
[The Junior Deacon's Emblem, in the West]

Three Lesser Lights

Editor's note: The following text is excerpted from an article by John L. Cooper III, PGM, in California Freemason. See, <https://californiafreemason.org/2019/11/14/the-sun-the-moon-and-the-master/>.

“Through the years, these references have puzzled Masons. Why do these three candles represent the sun, moon, and Master Mason? In some places, the ritual has been changed so the third candle represents the master of the lodge—a concession to the fact that in the past, lodges had only two degrees, and the Master Mason was the presiding officer of the lodge. These candles were originally located near the master and wardens stations in the east, west, and south. But over time, they migrated to the altar so they would illuminate the holy book and square and compass—the so-called greater lights—that lay upon it. The candles, then, became the lesser lights.

“Today, no lodge is complete without both the greater and lesser lights. Early Masonic scholars noted the cosmic regularity of the sun and moon and expected the lodge to be governed by the master with equal consistency. Thus, Masons are governed during the day by the sun, at night by the moon, and in lodge by the master.”





Grand Master's July Proclamation

JULY 2023 IS SUPPORT OUR
VETERANS MONTH
Fulfilling Our Obligations

Whereas California is home to more than 1.5 million veterans of military service, the most of any state in the nation; and

Whereas veterans face increased challenges upon returning to civilian life, including heightened rates of physical and emotional health problems, homelessness, and substance abuse; and

Whereas California Masonry has long counted among its members an enormous number of military veterans; and

Whereas California Masons recognize the service and sacrifice that our military veterans have made for our country; therefore,

As grand master I proclaim July 2023 to be Support Our Veterans Month.

As California Masons, we honor those who have served our country as members of our military during both peace and wartime. This month, during which we celebrate our nation's independence, I call on our Masonic lodges to recognize the veterans in their communities and to salute them through volunteerism, donations, or lodge events. Thank you to our veterans for your service to the country.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Grand Master Randall Brill

Attest: Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou

When the Moon is in the Seventh House

Aquarius from *Hair*. Lyrics by Galt MacDermot.

When the moon is in the Seventh House
And Jupiter aligns with Mars
Then peace will guide the planets
And love will steer the stars

This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius
The Age of Aquarius
Aquarius! Aquarius!

Harmony and understanding¹
Sympathy and trust abounding
No more falsehoods or derisions
Golden living dreams of visions
Mystic crystal revelation
And the mind's true liberation
Aquarius! Aquarius!

[From Wikipedia at
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hair_\(musical\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hair_(musical)) :

"*Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical*, ... with a book and lyrics by Gerome Ragni and James Rado and music by Galt MacDermot, ... reflects the creators' observations of the hippie counterculture and sexual revolution of the late 1960s, and several of its songs became anthems of the anti-Vietnam War peace movement.... [¶] *Hair* tells the story of the 'tribe', a group of politically active, long-haired hippies of the 'Age of Aquarius' living a bohemian life in New York City and fighting against conscription into the Vietnam War."

¹This stanza reminds me of Freemasonry.
DIK .



[Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866's
Third Annual Golf Tournament, 6/17/2023.
Congratulations!]

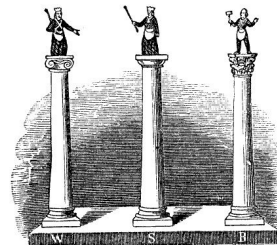
Book Drive Still Ongoing

Yes, our Children's Book Drive is still underway. Please feel free to continue donating new children's books for elementary school age children. Bring them to the July or August Stated Meeting. Or order online and have them delivered to my business mailing address at 6311 Van Nuys Bl. No. 409, Van Nuys, CA 91401. The books will be donated to Noble Avenue Elementary School on or after September 9, 2023, in conjunction with our forthcoming public schools event.

Thank you.

Bro. David I. Karp, Book Drive Coordinator

PS See item 3 in the article below generously submitted by our Secretary, Bro. Akram, for further inspiration.



From the East

Brethren,
It's been six months already since I was elected as Worshipful Master in our Lodge. I am constantly amazed and grateful to those Brethren who are always present and who support me and the Lodge in our fund raising campaigns or any event that we have. Because of that I treasure this opportunity the Brothers have given me in the East. We have a few more months and a few more challenges ahead of us, but with your help and the blessings of the GAOTU, the Lodge will continue to succeed and we will make it all the way to the last month of my time as Master, and beyond.

One way to support the Lodge, if we haven't seen you in awhile, is for you to join us for a Lodge meeting or event. For instance, we have a no-host casual fellowship dinner nearly every month at a restaurant. In June, we were just at dinner at Carnival Restaurant in Sherman Oaks. There were ten of us together, including some family members. All of us enjoyed our time with one another in an intimate setting. In July, we are at Lulu's Restaurant, 16900 Roscoe Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91406, on July 12, 6PM+. Be sure to join us if you can for good food, good conversation, and good company. Thank you brethren.

Fraternally,

Wor. Fernando ("Jhonny") O. Lebrilla, Jr.

Master



From the South

Brethren,
It's July already. Let's celebrate our "Independence Day" on the fourth of July. First of all, I would like to thank our applicant, Joseph Eilia, for preparing our lunch in the last June stated meeting. And all the brethren who helped and prepared the food for our Annual Breakfast and Golf Tournament. Thank you for your time and commitment to our Lodge, especially to Bro Ely Ayao, who managed and organized these events.

This July stated meeting we are thinking of having lunch in a restaurant: "buffet" Chinese, American, and Japanese combo. It's \$20 per person. If you have any suggestions, let us know. If we're not able to go to the restaurant, we're thinking of doing BBQ.

Brethren, let's keep supporting our Lodge events. Without your support, our longevity is not assured. Don't forget to use the twenty four inch gauge, one of our working tools, the good use of which is promised by each one of us. And lastly, thank you, Bro David, for your time and efforts to organize our open house. Remember Brothers, if you know someone who wants to know and learn about Freemasonry, invite him to the Lodge.

Thank you, and I hope to see you at our July stated meeting.

Fraternally and Respectfully,
Bro. Gerald Alvarez, Junior Warden

From our Secretary

Editor's Note: The following submission, by our Brother Secretary for your consideration, is adapted from an Illinois Freemasonry article entitled "Five Practical Ways to Improve Yourself."

Brethren,

We all want to be better. You may be surprised to learn that Freemasonry offers solid self-improvement tips to help you be successful in life. Here are five tips for self-improvement that have been field-tested by Freemasons for more than 300 years. They may not be your keys to success in life but they are proven steps to getting you onto the road to success.

1. Believe in something bigger than yourself.

It could be the Great Architect of the Universe. It could be other things, like any of these: the magic of art that captures the human spirit; the splendors of nature; the endless and hypnotic geometry of the universe; or something else that moves you and creates a sense of awe and wonder in the face of something that exceeds the self. A glimpse, perhaps, of the eternal.

2. Be optimistic.

Being optimistic is a choice and a discipline. It's practical because you have to consciously engage optimism every day. There will be times in your life when things go sideways, and you are having severe problems. Putting on a happy face and acting positively when you're in crisis is crazy. That's not optimism; that's a delusion.

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Hopefulness means that even when you are suffering, you trust that your circumstances are temporary. In that hopeful trust lies an enduring, functional optimism that will see you through.

3. Serve your community

When you think of charity, you probably think of the standard organizations working to do good in the world. The word means more than that. At its etymological root is the Latin word *caritas*, which means love. Being charitable means loving your community, your fellow man, giving your time (or money), volunteering, or any small act of kindness towards another. It could even be as simple as a kind word to someone on your street or a nod to the guy in 2B, or whatever. The important thing is to do something purposefully. It's important to know that belonging to a community to a neighborhood, a township, a group of people, a religion means you are also one of its stewards.

4. Choose mastery over mindlessness.

Habits form because we are creatures that rely on establishing routines to kind of automate our days. And routines are fantastic ways to streamline your work like habits you form on purpose. They help you get your work done on time. It's a natural part of the human operating system, sometimes it's just working robotically. But what if you made a promise to yourself to remember to snap out of it and live in the moment, to really participate in your day. Right there you're suddenly aware of the details of your environment. It can be thrilling. You can reach out to others, maybe, that are having a hard day.

5. The final tip: Be kind.

This is the logical result of all the tips above. If you believe in something bigger than yourself, then you also think everyone you see, everyone you meet, lives under the umbrella of your belief. Which surely leads you to be more optimistic, since all circumstances are temporary under the constant of that eternal thing you believe in. This shows you to value your fellow-creatures' lives enough to serve them humbly and sincerely,

which reminds you that life is a limited resource and maybe you should pay closer attention to every moment. Which means you see the many, many small, seemingly insignificant opportunities to change the tenor of a moment. It means you have the motivation and presence of mind to choose, in those moments when others are casually cruel, when others are insufferable, when others are indifferent, when others are afraid to act to render a kindness.

Kindness is a Freemason's superpower. I like to call small acts of kindness 'micro heroics' because there is a slim chance that engaging in a daily practice of being kind may save the world. We can all understand the dramatic effects of a single, great heroic act. But most of us won't be running into a burning building any time soon. However, imagine the accumulated effect of hundreds of acts of micro-heroism building up day after day, week after week, year after year. At some point, all that accumulated kindness will tip the balance in someone's life, and it'll be like a miracle. You'll have done the right thing at the right time, with a single, seemingly insignificant act, to change their life.

Respectfully submitted by:

Bro. Akram Al-Awar, Secretary

