

In the



Daylight

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

Foreword...

If one thinks about it, “providing support” is both an attribute and a requirement in Freemasonry. Throughout our degree work, “providing support” is a key concern.

In the Monitor, we find that a Masonic Lodge is “metaphorically said to be supported by three great pillars, denominated Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty, it being necessary that there should be wisdom to contrive, strength to support, and beauty to adorn all great and important undertakings [some of which include supporting our community via our philanthropic endeavors, and our families, too.] These pillars are represented in the Lodge by the Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens.”

As the Master and Wardens support the Lodge, so must we as members support these pillar officers, and their appointed officers.

Members from the side lines can help with the projects, activities, and ceremonies of the Lodge. Our pillars need your help, particularly but not only as we elect new ones every November. Attend the Lodge, pitch-in if/when you can, and do your best to help with Freemasonry’s aspirations, goals, ideals, and good works, wherever you are.

Providing support matters.

Fraternally, Bro. David I. Karp, Editor

November 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.)

November 2, 2023 – 7PM, Exec. Comm. Mtg.
Via Zoom

November 4, 2023 – 11AM, Stated Meeting,
Lunch Donation \$10. Note: Annual Election of Officers: “All members of the Lodge *in good standing* shall be entitled to vote at an election of Lodge officers..” CMC § 805.410.

November 11, 2023 – Veterans Day. TBD

November 18, 2023 – TBD

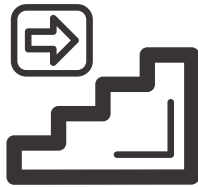
November 25, 2023 – Thanksgiving weekend.
TBD

November 30, 2023 – 7PM, Exec. Comm. Mtg.
Via Zoom

For December and subsequent months, please review our calendar at

<https://clarencefsmith.org/events/> .





Election Support

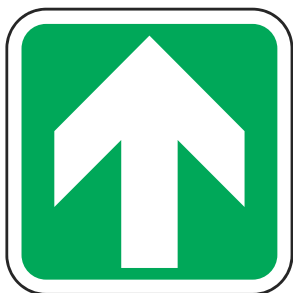
Per the CMC, “All members of the Lodge in good standing shall be entitled to vote at an election of Lodge officers.” § 805.410.

Wouldn't it be great if all members of the Lodge in good standing were to *attend* the election of our 2024 officers at our November Stated Meeting on November 4?

Think of it, we might fill the Lodge room in support of our members *stepping up* for election as Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary. They are at the heart of our Lodge, the ones both responsible and most active in making the Lodge a success.

Let's support them by showing up and voting! And don't forget to vote in any of our civic elections either.

Fraternally, Bro. David I. Karp, Editor.



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
Asst. Treasurer – Bro. Ely Ayao
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
Asst. Officers' Coach --
WB Archimedes (“Kim”) S. Cabanig, 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



What WE Support...

As the Grand Lodge of California has stated: “Through our innovative and relevant charitable programs, we make a profound difference in the lives of our members and in California communities.” By way of example and not limitation, our Lodge supports:

- Public education through our Children’s Book Drive and recognition of local teachers, etc.;
- Senior care via donations to the California Masonic Foundation;
- Victims of natural disasters through direct and indirect donations where needed, locally and internationally;
- Outreach to our Masonic Widows;
- Masonic Youth Orders (e.g., International Order of Rainbow for Girls);
- Clothing donations to the Midnight Mission;
- Shriners’ Hospital;
- Our own members in need due to illness, accidental injury or other unforeseen circumstances;
- Programs of the Grand Lodge of California and our own.
- Individual members’ efforts as volunteers and donors in the community;
- Each other. 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)
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.



Fraternal Relief

Editor's Note: The following text is quoted from the website of the California Masonic Foundation at <https://masonicfoundation.org/what-we-support/fraternal-support/>.

“Masons take an obligation to support their brethren. The concept of fraternal relief is over three hundred years old, and has taken many forms over the years. In the past, it meant caring for our elderly brethren who have fallen on hard times. It meant supporting their widows and children after they are gone.

“Today, fraternal relief can be support after California wildfires or mudslides. It can be COVID-era financial assistance for those who need it in difficult times. Whatever it may look like, helping a distressed worthy brother in his time of need can truly change a life.

“Since 2000, the California Masonic Foundation has been the fundraising arm of the fraternity, raising over \$250 million in support of fraternal relief, the Masonic Homes of California, and distressed worthy brothers statewide.

“Masonic Homes of California. From residential campuses to social services throughout the state to mental health care, the Masonic Homes of California, Masonic Outreach Services and the Masonic Center for Youth and Families is there for our members.

“Masonic Youth Orders. The Masonic Youth Orders support young people who are following in our footsteps. We are proud to support DeMolay International, Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters in California.

“Masonic Education. The California Masonic Foundation invests in the leadership of our

fraternity through retreats, conferences and annual symposiums.”

Visit the website mentioned above to learn more. DIK.



Masonic Service Association of North America

Editor's Note: The logo above and following information come from the website of the Masonic Service Association of North America at <https://msana.com/>.

“The initial reason for MSA's formation was so U.S. Freemasonry could provide aid to our military servicemen near the end of World War I. The War Department (now Defense Department) refused to work with 49 (at that time) different Grand Lodges, but the government department agreed to work with just one agency. So Grand Masters gathered in Cedar Rapids in 1918 to discuss and formulate the concept of MSA, and again in 1919 to formally give birth to the new organization. [¶] MSA's goal from the start was to provide services to the Grand Lodges that they could not perform as easily individually.

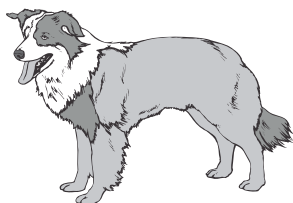
“Disaster Relief. In 1923 MSA issued its first disaster relief appeal. Since then MSA has become a recognized and credible Masonic group in North America, trusted by all Grand Lodges to forward aid around the world when disaster strikes. This has been one of MSA's key services.

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“Hospital Visitation Program. From the start the cornerstone service provided by MSA is our work with those who have served in the military. Today MSA has approximately 180 Hospital Representatives and State Coordinators, plus hundreds more volunteers at virtually every VA Medical Center and at many state veterans hospitals in the United States.

“Education and Information. MSA and its Masonic Information Center have many publications to tell the world about Freemasonry, including a variety of pamphlets, digests, and brochures, which have been distributed to more than 3 million people in the past 20 years.”



“A Helpful Hound”

Editor’s Note: November 11 is Veterans Day. The following article is quoted *verbatim* from an online article of the United Grand Lodge of England entitled “A Helpful Hound” at <https://www.ugle.org.uk/discover-freemasonry/blog/helpful-hound>.

Nick Thomas, one of the members of the Lodge of Prudence No.1550 that meets at Crownhill Plymouth, has an assistant dog provided by Veterans With Dogs. The dog 'Busby' assists Thomas around and in the Lodge. Members have adopted Busby as a Lodge mascot and awarded him an honorary entered apprentice status with a symbolic jewel and collar. The Lodge is making a £250 donation to this excellent charity.

At Veterans With Dogs, their canine companions go beyond being partners for Veterans—they become their entire world. These incredible dogs not only lay the foundation for promoting healthy routines and living but also provide a multitude of benefits for their Veterans:

Veterans with Dogs are the pioneers of a groundbreaking initiative in the UK. Since their establishment in 2012, they have been on a relentless mission to transform the lives of Veterans and active-duty service members facing mental health difficulties.

The charity recognised a critical gap in support for those struggling with mental health disabilities. With no other organisations in the UK exclusively focused on providing assistance dogs for these brave individuals, they knew it was time to take action.

Witnessing the profound suffering experienced by Veterans and their families struck a chord. The staggering reality of more lives lost to suicide than on the battlefield shook them to the core. The rising divorce rates, homelessness, and the devastating impact on their children left them determined to make a difference.

Re-integration and Socialisation. The dogs help Veterans navigate the path of re-integration into civilian society, fostering social connections and a sense of belonging.

Early Symptom Recognition. With their acute sensitivity, these dogs assist Veterans in recognising early signs of anxiety or emotional distress, allowing for timely intervention and support.

Nightmare Interruption. The dogs are trained to skillfully interrupt nightmares, providing a sense of safety and tranquillity during sleep.

Increased Confidence and Belonging. By their side, the dogs empower Veterans, boosting their confidence and instilling a sense of belonging within civilian society.

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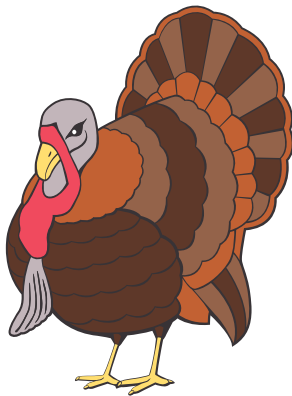
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Re-engagement with Responsibilities. These loyal companions inspire Veterans to re-engage with life's responsibilities, supporting them in embracing purpose and reclaiming their lives.

Enhanced Self-esteem and Self-worth. Through the unwavering love and support of their canine partners, Veterans experience a profound increase in self-esteem and self-worth.

Nick Says that since owning Busby his level of self-confidence has gone through the roof, Busby is not only a method of help and support but a friend for life, and life is good now.

Learn more about the charity Veterans With Dogs at <http://veteranswithdogs.org.uk> .



A Masonic Connection to Thanksgiving.

Editor's Note: Switching subjects, the following is quoted from a website of the Grand Lodge of Ohio at <https://www.freemason.com/the-masonic-connection-to-thanksgiving/> .

“In 1621, the settlers from the Mayflower created a tradition that would last for centuries to come. This celebration was to thank God for the harvest and his many blessings. Members of the Wampanoag tribe in Plymouth, Massachusetts were also invited to the feast. This feast is what

we now call Thanksgiving where we are pushed to reflect on all that we have to be grateful for.

“On September 25th, 1789 Congressman and Brother Elias Boudinot of Burlington, New Jersey appeared in front of the House of Representatives with a proposition. Brother Boudinot asked that the government create a committee to persuade the President and Freemason, George Washington, to declare a national day of thanks and prayer. Without his Masonic values, Brother Boudinot may have never been inclined to rally for this national day of thanks.

“In 1789, President George Washington delivered the Proclamation of 1789 that assigned November 26th as the National Holiday of Thanksgiving. This proclamation was also a symbol to our former monarchy that the colonies were a self-governing and legitimate state. Washington remarked, ‘both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.’

“It goes without doubt that our national holiday of Thanksgiving would not have been established without the help of two Freemasons. Brother Elias Boudinot and President George Washington are two strong foundations of our Thanksgiving tradition. As Freemasons, we should take this time to practice gratitude for our fellow Brethren, lodges, and local communities. Happy Thanksgiving...!”



What is a Flying Buttress?

Since we Masons “study” geometry and architecture, and this issue is about “support,” it is necessary to discover the meaning of the phrase “flying buttress.”

If you are a fan of WWII aviation, you know that a B-17 was called the “Flying Fortress.”

“The iconic Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress served the Allied cause around the globe during World War II. Perhaps most famous as the workhorse of the Eighth Air Force's bombing campaign against Germany and occupied territories, the B-17 became legendary for its ability to take punishment and return with its crew. The B-17 design took form as the Boeing Model 299 and first flew in 1935.” See, <https://www.museumofflight.org/exhibits-and-events/aircraft/boeing-b-17f-flying-fortress> .

However, a “Flying Buttress” is nothing like the “Flying Fortress” despite the similarity in names.

“Flying buttresses are used in architecture as external methods of support. [Emphasis added.] Historically speaking, buttresses were blocky and used for support by being built next to or within a structure, directly butting up to its walls, to ease the structure's lateral-force thrusts created by roofs or domes. [¶] However, flying buttresses were an innovation of the traditional, blocky buttress. Now, one may ask, what a flying buttress is, what is a flying buttress definition, and how did it get its name? Flying buttresses got their name from their appearance. Imagine a person pressing against a wall with their hands to prevent a structure's collapse while still leaving enough room for a small animal or child to walk under their arms; the conceptual shape they have created is a flying buttress. While flying buttresses still offer the same type of support, they're composed of a sizeable pier situated away from the structure's wall and a “flyer,” a large, sloping beam that connects the pier and the structure. This supportive gap between the structure and the pier creates an open space that

makes the buttress appear to be “flying.” See, <https://study.com/learn/lesson/flying-buttress-design-purpose-what-is-a-flying-buttress.html> .

Well known examples can be seen in a photograph of Notre Dame.

“Notre-Dame Cathedral's flying buttresses are particularly remarkable and serve as a prime example of Gothic engineering. A total of 28 flying buttresses encircle the cathedral's apse and choir, with an additional two at the transepts. The cathedral's initial flying buttresses were incorporated during the 13th century when the concept was still relatively novel. [¶] The flying buttresses at Notre-Dame are not just functional, but also visually striking. They gracefully frame the cathedral's exterior and contribute to the overall design's sense of balance and harmony. Each buttress is adorned with intricate sculptures and ornamental detailing, including statues of saints, angels, and biblical figures. The artistic quality and craftsmanship of these decorative elements further accentuate the flying buttresses' visual appeal.” See, <https://www.friendsofnotredamedeparis.org/cathedral/artifacts/flying-buttresses/> .

So, now you know, Flying Buttresses are not airplanes, they are support structures in Gothic architecture. Fraternaly, Bro. David I. Karp



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The Beams that Support Masonry

If you don't already know, I like to play with words. Here is some word play for your enjoyment. The word of the month is "beam."

There really are beams in masonry.

"A bond beam is a horizontally reinforced element in a masonry wall that provides resistance to shear loads and also helps distribute lateral loads throughout the wall section.... Bond beams are usually seen at the top of foundation walls, tops of walls, and at each floor diaphragm connection. Intermediate bond beams are often required in higher seismic design categories."

See

<https://masoncontractors.org/glossary/bond-beam/>.

But wait, there's more.

Think of "a ray or shaft of light". See, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/beam>. Here, think of a sunbeam. This may represent the Light the emanates from the East, that is, the knowledge and wisdom of the Worshipful Master.

And then there's the verb. To beam is "to smile with joy." *Id.* I beam with joy when I am able to write for my Brothers.

These, then, are the beams that support Masonry.

Fraternally,
Bro. David I. Karp



[Third Degree Conferral, 9/30/23. Congrats to Bro. Mike. Being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason is a great accomplishment!]

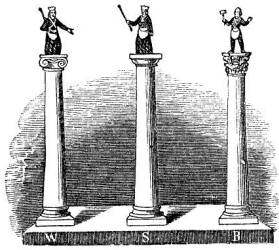
A Supporter of Civil Liberties

“Ervin Jr., Samuel James ‘Sam’ (1896-1985) – Sam Ervin was a U.S. Senator from North Carolina; he became a liberal hero for his support of civil liberties. During the ‘Watergate Scandal’, he led the Watergate Committee (1972-1974) at the end of the Nixon administration, and was widely praised for his fair-handed behaviour.”

<https://www.lodgestpatrick.co.nz/famous.php>.

“Ervin was a member of Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217 in Morganton, North Carolina. He was also a member of Catawba Chapter No. 60, Royal Arch Masons in Hickory, North Carolina, Lenoir Commandery No. 33, Knights Templar in Lenoir, N.C. and was 32° Scottish Rite Mason, Southern Masonic Jurisdiction in Charlotte, North Carolina.”

https://www.masonrytoday.com/index.php?new_month=09&new_day=27&new_year=2021



From the East

Brethren,
November is a time in which to be thankful for friends, family, Brothers, and for all of our blessings. We all will celebrate Thanksgiving on November 23rd, the fourth Thursday of the month by tradition, as declared by President Lincoln in 1863. See, <https://www.nps.gov/liho/learn/historyculture/lincoln-and-thanksgiving.htm>. I hope that each of you will enjoy your celebration with those who are dear to you.

Saturday November 4th is our monthly Stated meeting and Elections of Officers. I hope that everyone who is a member in good standing in our lodge will be there to witness our election.

Fraternally,
Wor. Fernando (Jhonny) Lebrilla, Jr.
Master

From the West

Brethren,
Congratulations to Brother Mkhitar ("Mike") Mkrtchyan on being raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. We are excited to have you as a full-fledged member in our Lodge and we look forward to seeing you in an officer's chair soon. A big thank you to all those who helped make the degree conferral possible.

We only have November and a few days in January (before our Installation) for our 2024 officers to complete their qualifications. Please note that December is off the table for

qualifications, so let's use our time wisely. Our Installation Ceremony is scheduled for 12 p.m. on January 13th.

After our last OSI [Officers School of Instruction], we held an informal planning meeting. It was very helpful in preparing for the coming months and it served as a reminder of the importance of planning ahead. The meeting allowed us to share ideas and clarify questions and concerns. Collaboration and open communication are essential for our Lodge to thrive, so I intend to have more of these meetings, and I hope to have more of the Brethren attend and even volunteer to help. The Lodge needs your support.

Fraternally,
Bro. Spartak ("Spo") Khachatryan
Senior Warden

From the South

Brethren,
Congratulations to Bro. Spartak "Spo" Khachatryan on his third degree qualification and also to Bro. Joseph Chavez who qualified for the Junior Warden's Station in October. I plan to give my qualification for the Senior Warden's Station in November.

Grand Lodge's Annual Communication in San Francisco, October 27-29, is a fun and productive time for those in attendance and the Brothers' attendance there helps the Lodge, too.

I hope to see you all at the November Stated Meeting. Lunch will be "Thanksgiving cuisine" or American dishes.

Always remember humility and kindness within and without the Lodge, that we may maintain harmony among us, it being the strength and support of all societies especially of ours.

Respectfully and Fraternally Yours,
Bro. Gerald Alvarez
Junior Warden