

In the



Daylight

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866, F.&A.M.
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Computers and Such

Foreword...

Last month's edition, entitled "Going Postal" was all about the Postal Service, postage stamps, postmasters, etc. In this month's edition, we delve, however briefly, into the world of computers, the replacement for most correspondence these days. I use email for almost all of my business and personal correspondence. It is efficient and cost effective. I also use the computer for mediations via Zoom, although not exclusively. It's also efficient and cost effective. And I use the computer to compose written material for this newsletter, sometimes after researching on the computer for interesting items or ideas. Then there's Facebook Messenger in which I participate but only for Lodge communication. I am at the computer for most of the day. To relax, I like the solitaire program.

Like the Sam Cooke lyrics in "Wonderful World" (<https://genius.com/Sam-cooke-wonderful-world-lyrics>), in which the first line is "Don't know much about history," I really don't know much about computers. My son does; he was a computer science major in college. But I can't even begin to tell you how computers work; they just do, mostly, although sometimes I must "restart."

I do know that my son taught me a few "inside jokes," as it were, among his colleagues that amused me. I learned about PEBKAC (problem exists between keyboard and chair). Also, I now know about the "ID-Ten-T" error,

which translates to ID10T or "idiot." I am sure there are many users for which these apply.

I know the computer world is scary in that I receive lots of spam email, mostly phishing for personal information. Or else it's the computer viruses that are being transmitted. We must be so cautious these days. Be careful on the internet.

Anyway, let's see what interesting items there might be in this edition about computers and such. Read on if you will, I hope you enjoy it.

Fraternally,

Bro. David I. Karp, Editor

August Trestle Board

(We meet in person each month on the first and third Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Van Nuys Masonic Center, except as otherwise noted. Always subject to change.)

August is Dark except as follows:

August 1, 2024 – 7PM, Exec. Bd. Mtg. on Zoom

August 3, 2024 – 7-12 Fundraising Breakfast \$15/person. 11AM, Stated Meeting.

August 15, 2024 – Fellowship Dinner, TBA

Please check our online calendar for changes, updates and future events at

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

Also see important notice on page 7 about amending our Bylaws re fees and dues.



Human Computers

Editor's Note: The following is quoted from a web page of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum at <https://airandspace.si.edu/stories/editorial/hidden-figures-and-human-computers> .

“The breakout movie *Hidden Figures* tells the story of three African American women who worked as mathematicians at NASA. The story shed light on the significant contributions of the three women Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson but also the broader impact that women had behind the scenes at NASA.

Johnson, Vaughan, and Jackson all began their careers at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics [NACA] which later became NASA working as “computers.” Computers were not what we think of them today. They were people, primarily women, who reduced or analyzed data using mechanical calculators....”



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Bro. Steve Wozniak

“b. August 11, 1950. Co-founder of Apple Computers with Steve Jobs and Ronald Wayne, Wozniak was inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in September 2000. Wozniak continues to be a major donor to numerous needy groups and students, and has received uncountable awards from technology and community groups.

“Initiated: 1980, Charity Lodge No. 362, Campbell, CA.”

Source: Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Yukon at https://freemasonry.bcy.ca/biography/wozniak_s/wozniak_s.html.



Masonic Recognition

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

Steven A. Wolvek (2017-2018)
Rogelio (“Roger”) L. Soriano (2019)
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2020-2021)
Edgar O. Yeghiazaryan (2022)
Fernando (“Jhonny”) O. Lebrilla, Jr. (2023)

Past Masters by Affiliation

Archimedes (“Kim”) S. Cabanig, (2021)
Akram Al-Awar (July 2024)
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2012)
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)
Akram Al-Awar (2024)
Celso V. Cardano, Jr. (2022)
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.



Hypertext and Computer Networks

Editor's Note: The following is quoted from an online article called "34 World-Changing Inventions by Freemasons," by Masonic Find at <https://masonicfind.com/inventions-by-freemasons>.

"Even though computers were not accessible until after the 1950s, the idea of hypertext by Vannevar Bush had existed long before that.

"Several people term Vannevar as the 'godfather of the internet.' [¶] He is credited as the first person to have an actual mental picture of a system called a 'memex' which connected and transferred information in the same way as new hypertextual links.

"Although Vannevar wasn't directly involved in hypertext development, in an article published back in 1945, he is noted as the brains behind the idea.

"Vannevar Bush was a devoted Freemason who served as a Master of the Richard C. Maclaurin Lodge for members of Massachusetts Institute of Technology. [¶] The exciting part is the lodge sponsored one of the first internet sites on Freemasonry in his honor...."

Relax!

Okay. No more about computers, it's time to relax. As in Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess," it's "Summertime/And the livin' is easy." In fact, August 15 is National Relaxation Day. See, <https://www.nationaldaycalendar.com/national-day/national-relaxation-day-august-15>.

"National Relaxation Day is an important day as we all need a break from the fast-paced and often hectic lifestyles we live. Taking time to recuperate and rejuvenate our tired minds and bodies may help prevent many health risks, too.... [T]oo much work can make us sick, run-down, tired and that's just wrong." *Id.*

One way to relax is to be with your Brothers. Our fellowship night at a local restaurant is also on August 15. Join in the fun. And relax.





Grand Master's Proclamation

AUGUST 2024 IS FIRST RESPONDERS MONTH
Sharing the Light of Freemasonry

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

Whereas our state continues to grapple with crises on multiple fronts, including historic wildfires, a deadly drug epidemic; and the ongoing effects of the pandemic; and

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

As grand master, I therefore proclaim August 2024 to be First Responders Month.

California Masons understand what it means to take an obligation in support of others. First responders, including firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, police, and public safety officers take one of the most sacred and challenging obligations of all. For that we all owe them a debt of gratitude, and one that California Masons are eager to recognize. Our communities rely on first responders to serve on the frontline of many of the most challenging and dangerous problems we face as a society.

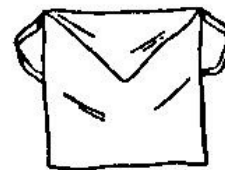
During this month, I encourage California lodges to honor the efforts of their local first responders and to thank these important members of our community as they see fit whether through a donation, volunteering, or other lodge recognition. I also urge California

lodges to consider ways they can be of service to their communities in times of need, either by becoming certified through the Masonic Emergency Response Team program, by offering their lodge halls as emergency shelters, or by other means. As California Masons aim to share the light of Freemasonry with the community around them, it is important we acknowledge the people around us on whom we all rely.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Grand Master G. Sean Metroka
Attest: Grand Secretary Allan L. Casalou



[Third Degree Conferral, June 22, 2024.
Congratulations Bro. Earl!]





Fundraising Breakfast, August 3

On August 3, 2024, we will have a Fundraising Breakfast, 7AM-12PM, at the Lodge. Donations are \$15 per person. Please volunteer and inform the Senior Warden as to how you can help out. Please also invite friends and family members. This is important both for lodge finances and for our fellowship with one another. The flyer is below. DIK.



Golf Tournament Rescheduled to September 14

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge No. 866 will hold its Fourth Annual Golf Tournament on September 14, 2024, at Knollwood Country Club, 12040 Balboa Blvd., Granada Hills, CA 91355. Registration at 9AM, Tee time at 10AM. Green Fees are \$120, Hole Sponsorships \$100. Portions of the proceeds support Rainbow for Girls Van Nuys Chapter and Lodge projects and activities. For more information, sponsorship and any payment, contact Bros. Darren Hojjati (818-554-7938) or Ely Ayao (818-335-5919). Zelle payments go to cfsjuniorwarden@gmail.com. Awarding and fellowship to follow at Van Nuys Masonic Center (the address is above). The awards include: "Closest to Pin," "Longest Drive," "\$10K hole in one," trophies for Class A, B, C (format System 36), prizes and giveaways.

The flyer for this event is posted on our website at <https://clarencefsmith.org/>.

Fore!





Amendments to Bylaws Have Been Proposed to Increase Lodge Fees/Dues, Voting to be at October Stated Meeting.

Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge, No.
866 F&AM of California.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE AS

FOLLOWS:

At the July 6, 2024, Stated Meeting of this Lodge, two Resolutions were presented to amend the Bylaws (1) as to FEES (Uniform Code of By-Laws of Lodges, Article III, Section 1), and (2) as to DUES (Uniform Code, etc., *supra*, Article III, Section 2). Said Resolutions, and each of them, were presented in writing, read in lodge to the Brethren, and lodged with the Secretary to be noted upon the minutes of the Lodge.

AS TO FEES

“Resolved, The table of fees for this Lodge shall be as follows:

“A. For the degrees, the sum of \$600.00.

“B. For the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, when the Entered Apprentice degree has been received in another Lodge, the sum of \$400.00.

“C. For the degree of Master Mason, when the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees have been received in another Lodge, the sum of \$200.00.

“D. For affiliation, the sum of \$100. There are no exceptions.”

AS TO DUES

“Resolved, Section 2. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$150.00 plus the Per Capita sum approved by Grand Lodge at the immediately preceding Annual Communication, with the total thus determined rounded up to the next higher whole multiple of \$10.00, per annum, payable in advance on the first day of January.”

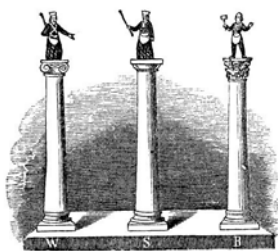
The members of this Lodge are notified hereby and herein, that the foregoing Amendments, and each of them, will be voted upon at the October Stated Meeting to be held on the 5th day of October, 2024, and that each said Amendment requires a vote of approval by two-thirds of the members in good standing present on that date.

If the Lodge approves the Amendment re fees, the Amendment shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master.

If the Lodge approves the Amendment re dues, the Amendment shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master and the increase shall become effective upon the start of the fiscal year of the Lodge following the Grand Master’s approval of the increase.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE
FOREGOING AND GOVERN YOURSELVES
ACCORDINGLY.





From the East

Brethren,
Congratulations to Brother Earl Austria on being raised to the Master Mason degree. Thank you to everyone who helped put on an outstanding degree.

The lodge will be dark in August, with the exception of our monthly Stated Meeting on August 3rd. This will allow those who work hard behind the scenes to take a break and have a few weekends in the summer to spend with their families. This will also provide some extra time for next year's officers to work on their qualifications.

Even though the lodge will be dark, we will still hold our monthly fellowship dinner on August 15th. This is a great way to catch up, stay connected, and have a fun evening with good food and company.

Looking ahead, September will be a busy month for us, with our Stated meeting on the 7th, our golf tournament rescheduled for the 14th, degree conferral on the 21st, and we will host OSI on the 28th.

Brethren, have a good summer and stay safe.
Fraternally,
Wor. Spartak ("Spo") Khachatryan
Master

From the West

Brethren,
Hope all is well with everyone.
First of all, last stated meeting July 6, 2024, we proposed to increase our application fees and our annual dues, and also starting August 2024 we will meet twice a month (first and third Saturdays) to help the lodge to reduce our rental expenses, since we're not using all Saturdays. I encourage every one of you to attend our upcoming stated meeting so we can hear your opinions about the changes to our lodge.

The proposed increases, if approved, will help our lodge sustain our finances in the future. Detailed information about the proposed changes are on page 7, *ante*.

Secondly, on August 3rd, 2024, we will be hosting our annual breakfast fundraising event (donations are \$15/person). Your support and collaboration would be greatly welcomed and appreciated. Any donation and/or assistance with breakfast preparation would be highly beneficial to the success of this event. You can send your donations to: cfsjuniorwarden@gmail.com. See page 6, *ante*. And also it's our August stated meeting which starts at 11AM. See you all at breakfast earlier.

Lastly, on September 14, 2024, it's our annual golf tournament. Again, see page 6. Help us to promote and support our events. If you have any questions about the golf tournament, feel free to contact Bro Darren (chairman of golf event).

Fraternally and Respectfully,
Gerald Alvarez
Senior Warden

From the South

Hello Brethren,
Just wanted to take the opportunity to remind everyone of our August fundraising breakfast. We hope that we can count on your participation in helping out through the morning as well as your presence thereafter at our Stated Meeting.

I would like to congratulate brother Akram, our 2024 Hiram Award recipient (July 27), and thank him for the many years during which he has dedicated his time as Secretary of Clarence F. Smith Daylight Lodge #866. Your hard work, dedication and effort have been essential to this Lodge.

Also, Happy August birthdays to Bros. Jadd H. and Jerron L.

Sincerely and Fraternally yours,

Bro. Joseph Chavez

Junior Warden

OP-ED: “Life is Messy”

Editor’s Note: The following is quoted verbatim from a June 3, 2024, post at *The Blog of David I. Karp*, at <https://karpmediation.wordpress.com/2024/06/03/life-is-messy/>.

When I read my horoscope in yesterday’s Los Angeles Times (Sunday, June 2, 2024, by Holiday Mathis), I was reminded (1) that “Life is messy and it doesn’t always go right,” and (2) not to take it too personally.

This called to mind William Butler Yeats’s poem, *The Second Coming*, in which he wrote: “Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold.” See, <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43290/the-second-coming>.

Life IS messy. People in conflict generally have very different views of an incident in which they were involved, or what occurred. Their recollections, reactions, viewpoints or opinions diverge and they are angry.

Certainly they are uncomfortable, maybe frustrated or even inflamed, when at odds with one another. Interpersonal relationships are disrupted, or “fall apart” as Yeats would have it. That is human nature.

In mediation I might express it this way:

“Something a person expected to happen, didn’t. Or something a person didn’t expect to happen, did; and he or she is upset about it. The questions is: what can we do about it?”

Forgiveness, whether or not preceded by an apology, can help. If not forgiving of others, at least people can forgive themselves.

Gautama Buddha reportedly said it this way: “Holding on to anger is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die.” See,

https://www.reddit.com/r/quotes/comments/24j3rb/holding_onto_anger_is_like_drinking_poison_and/

In other words, life is messy; don’t take it too personally, as the horoscope suggests.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. David I. Karp

Editor

PS: An antonym of “messy” is “orderly.” As Masons we can be orderly by thinking about the orders of architecture and the moral advantages of geometry, so to act with “due order and propriety” within and without the Lodge. We can also look to the anchor and the ark, Masonic emblems which remind us of “that divine *Ark* which safely wafts us over [any] tempestuous sea of troubles, and that *Anchor* which shall safely moor us in a peaceful harbor....” [Emphasis in original, at pp. 40-41 of the 1989 *Monitor and Officer’s Manual*, Grand Lodge of California.] Thankfully, our Masonic Principles help us to manage when life is messy. DIK.