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<p><i>San Bernardino M<sup>12</sup> Club No. 430</i></p> <p><i>Good Food! Good Fellowship</i></p> <p><i>Meets Friday Noon</i></p> <p><i>Anchorhead CC</i></p> <p><i>Backside Drive.</i></p> <p><i>For all Masons, their Spouses, their Widows and Friends</i></p>	<p><i>In Memory of a Worthy Brother:</i></p> <p><i>Bro. Smith Marshall</i></p> <p><i>from a Friend &amp; Brother - Mason</i></p>
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**“Photo taken immediately after Brother Ron Drake’s 3rd Degree ceremony, on 20 November 2014”.**



## SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

4400 Varsity Avenue - San Bernardino, CA 92407 - (909) 887-4415

December 16th - 6:00 P.M. - Stated Meetings  
- 6:30 P.M. - Dinner (*reservations required*)  
- 7:30 P.M. - Special Program  
- 8:00 P.M. - Family Christmas Show



## Gate City O.E.S. #212

**December 12, 2014**  
7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting  
Marilyn Mahaffey, P.M., Chmn.

**December 26, 2014**  
Dark



## YORK RITE BODIES SAN BERNARDINO

2888 N. Arrowhead Ave. - San Bernardino, CA 92407 - (909) 883-2615



**Keystone Chapter No. 56, R.A.M.**  
December 3rd - 7:00 pm - Building Board Meeting  
December 3rd - 7:30 pm - Chapter Convocation



**Valley Council No. 27, C.M.**  
December 3rd - 7:00 pm - Building Board Meeting  
December 10th - 7:30 pm - Stated Assembly



**St. Bernard Commandery No. 23, K.T.**  
December 3rd - 7:00 pm - Building Board Meeting  
December 13th - 7:30 pm - Stated Conclave  
December 20th - Christmas Observance & Renewal of Vows

## Greetings from the East



As the year draws to a close, and the transition begins from one Master to another, it is important (I think) to review the successes of the last year.

One of the MOST important things **YOU and I** did at the beginning of the year, was to officially organize and empower a group of men who would constitute a formal **Financial Trust**. By doing so, **WE** placed the Lodge on a more secure and prosperous financial footing than it had previously enjoyed.

**We** established closer *Fraternal ties* with our Brethren of **Prince Hall Lodge #17**.

**We** (without cost to the Lodge, but by private Member Donations) purchased and installed a **Television** for our Dining Room.

**We** organized our **First Annual MayFest**.

**We** renewed and strengthened our *mutually beneficial* relationship with the **Job's Daughters of Bethel #33**, wherein they now normally prepare our **Stated Meeting Dinners**, as we endeavor to support their activities and programs.

**We** organized a **Hiram Award Dinner and Presentation** for a deserving Lodge Member.

**We** increased our financial reserves by **\$4000**, by auctioning our **TWO** extra **Safes** to Lodge Members.

**We** completed the removal of all of our **Papers, Books, Paraphernalia and Memorabilia from assorted storage facilities ONTO our own Lodge Grounds**.

**We** supported **TWO** of our local Schools with the Lodge's **Child-ID Program**.

**We** purchased "**Nooks**" to give to **TWO** Students at **Richardson Prep. School**.

**We** (by use of generous Donations) provided turkeys and other necessary food items for **Thanksgiving Dinner's to give to TWENTY needy Families of Students belonging to Wilson Elementary School**.

**We** had a "**Constitutional Observance**" presentation delivered to the Lodge.

**We** supported the **Apple Festival at Silverwood Lake**, with our **Child-ID Program**.

**We LOWERED our Annual Dues, from \$200 to \$175.**

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*(Master's Message continued)*

We had our **FIRST** (of many to come) **Monday Night Football parties!**

We removed the beautiful but **problematic** Pine Trees from the immediate Building Area, and **professionally landscaped** the surrounding grounds.

We purchased a **high-quality EZ-up**, with **distinctive Masonic Design**, for use with the **Child-ID Program** and **OTHER Special Events**.

We designed (*with our own Artist*), **AND** produced **DISTINCTIVE SHIRTS** for Lodge Members to wear.

We had an “Oak Glen Meet-up”, **WITH** Breakfast at “Apple Annies”.

We authorized and installed a needed **Lodge Phone, Website, WiFi, and Email accounts.**

We authorized our **First Annual New Years Eve Party and Potluck**.

These things were all accomplished by the united effort of Brothers of the Mystic Tie.

I am grateful to those who have supported me; I am grateful for creative Brethren, who have seen a need, and taken the initiative to do something about it. I learned years ago, that the most important thing a “Leader” can do, is to mark a direction, state a need or desired outcome, and then **ENCOURAGE** those that know **HOW to do a thing**, to actually get it done!!! Often, that means simply removing obstacles and then getting out of the way.

I'd like to take a moment to say “Good Luck” and “Best Wishes”, to the Incoming Master and Officers Line!!

I wish each and every member of this Lodge, a **Happy Hanukkah** and a **Merry Christmas**. I hope your **Holidays** and **Holy-Days** are joyous and complete. God bless each of you in the coming year.

Fraternally,

Mark V. Stilt, Master,

San Bernardino Masonic Lodge #178

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## From the Secretary's Desk



Brethren, the new year is upon us. The elections have been held and the Officers, Board Members and Trustees to manage our Lodge, Building Association and Trust have been elected. They will be installed on Saturday, December 13, 2014.

The incoming Master has already had a planning meeting with the new offices. They have planned a Lodge function, designed to attract membership and enhance our image in the community.

Additionally the Lodge has approved measures to improve our advertizing ability, including a new website.

We brought in more new members this year than we have in a long while, however we still had a net loss. The goal---0 net loss and an enhanced image in the community.

Be an active member, support the Lodge and Youth Groups.

## HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

Fraternally

Tom Meyer, Secretary

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## Sickness & Distress

Please advise the Secretary of any brothers in need of visits by Lodge Brethren, and/or Prayer.





## Greetings from the South

November was an exciting month. We had a spirited stated meeting; we elected officers for the 2015 Masonic year and voted to implement a wide variety improvements for the Lodge. A landscaping facelift has already started. A website is being developed that will be updated regularly and will be an easy way for existing members and potential members to keep up with the events of San Bernardino Lodge #178. Please mark this website for easy reference for future announcements: [www.sbmasoniclodge.com](http://www.sbmasoniclodge.com). We obligated two Entered Apprentices, Kyle Oswalt (grandson of Benny Croyle PM and Brother Bob Oswalt) and Lance Coffing (son of Thad Coffing PM and relative to the Stilt clan). We raised Brother Ron Drake to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I would like to thank Brother Drake for spearheading the effort of raising the money and obtaining the food to feed 20 needy families for Thanksgiving in our community.

December will provide many opportunities for the Brothers of San Bernardino Lodge #178 to come together. We will have our Annual Installation of Officers on Saturday December 13th at 10:30 A.M. The Holiday Season is a special time to spend with family and friends. It is easy to get caught up in buying present for family and friends, attending Holiday parties and spending special moments with loved ones. CHARITY is an important Masonic Principal. Please take time this Holiday Season to help the less fortunate in any way that you can. A small gesture on your part can make someone's Holiday Season special. I wish the best for YOU & YOURS this Holiday Season! Be safe and have a happy New Year!

Fraternally,  
Brent Croyle  
Junior Warden



## Greetings from the West

Merry Christmas Brothers!

What an amazing month we had in November, our Annual Election of Officers, two 1st Degree's (One of which was my oldest son!), a 3rd Degree for Brother Ron Drake, and for Thanksgiving, our Lodge provided 20 needy families! And that is not all! At November's Stated meeting, several of our brothers presented motions which all pasted to not only bring our Lodge into the 21st Century, but also transform out Lodge into a place people want to visit.

If not have not seen the pictures yet, please visit out Facebook page, or our new website! We have dramatically improved the landscaping of our Lodge, we have added Wi-Fi in the building, we have ordered a new Easy-up specifically for our Lodge as well as many items to go with it, so that when we are at public/community events, everyone around will know that San Bernardino Lodge was there!

Lastly, during the Elections of Officers, I was Elected to be Master of the Lodge next year. Next year is a special year for our Lodge, as we will be celebrating our 150th anniversary! I and my officers line for next year have been discussing what can we do to make next year something special, and do we have a LOT in store! We are starting things off by changing the date and time for our Annual Installation of Officers! It will be held on Saturday December 13th at 10:30am with lunch served afterward. While I do not want to spoil any surprises that will be announced during the installation, I will tell you that our Officers and I have come up with a Calendar of Events for next year that includes family-friendly events in just about every month! Hope to see you all on the 13th!

Fraternally,  
Brother Thad Coffing, PM  
Senior Warden  
San Bernardino Lodge #178

*San Bernardino Lodge*



# December 2014

## Upcoming Events to Watch for:

December 4th - Stated Meeting - 6:30pm  
 December 6th - Coffee Donuts Social - 9:00am  
 December 11th - 2nd Degree - 7:00pm  
 December 13th - Installation of Officers - 10:30am  
 December 18th - 1st Degree - 7:00pm  
 December 31st - Party & Potluck - 6:00pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4  Dinner 6:30 P.M. Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.	5  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 A.M.	6  Job's Daughters 11:00 A.M. DeMolay 1:00 P.M.  Coffee/Donuts Social 9:00 am - 11:00 am
7	8	9	10	11  Installation Practice 6:30 P.M. 2nd Degree 7:00 P.M.	12  Hi-Twelve Gate City O.E.S. 7:30 P.M. – Election of 2015 Officers at York Rite Temple	13  Installation of Officers 10.30 A.M.
14	15	16  at Scottish Rite Center 6:00pm - Stated Meetings 6:30pm - Dinner 7:30pm - Christmas Show	17	18  1st Degree 7:00 P.M.	19  Hi-Twelve	20  Job's Daughters 11:00 A.M.  DeMolay 1:00 P.M.
21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25  Lodge Dark <i>Christmas Day</i>	26  Hi-Twelve Gate City O.E.S. Dark at York Rite Temple	27
28	29	30	31  New Years Eve Party & Potluck Dinner - 6:00 P.M. <i>New Year's Eve</i>			