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THE CORNERSTONE

We have laid the stone all truly with a Master Craftsmen's care. We have tested it and tried it by the level, plumb, and square, We've made a firm foundation for our children's children's toil And empty poured the vessels of their corn and wine and oil.

What further is remaining save stone on stone to rear That soon the finished building in its glory shall appear? What more to do than giving to this pile its latest touch? And a Voice that stirs the stillness makes this answer, "There is much."

"There is work to do, my brothers, wrought of neither stone or steel
And never dome or tower can its majesty reveal,
For this the nobler labor, ere his toil can make it whole,
Must be performed in darkness in the Master Craftsman's soul.

"There are works of loving-kindness and of charity and good And a structure to be built with the stones of brotherhood, For this mighty Temple's fabric is an empty mocking shell Unless within there be built a shrine of souls as well.

"Take heed, then, Master Craftsmen, when this Temple shall arise With its brave and gleaming towers pointing grandly to the skies. Let yourselves compose the structure, let yourselves the Temple be, That shall stand in great proportion unto Eternity."

— R. J. McLauchlin



SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

January 15th - 6:30 p.m. - Dinner (Reservations Required)

- 7:30 p.m. - AASR Stated Meeting Election of Officers

- Women's Association Meeting

January 27th - 2:00 p.m. - Annual Installation of Officers



Gate City O.E.S. #212



JANUARY 11, 2013

7:30pm. – Regular Stated Meeting "LET IT SNOW"

JANUARY 25, 2013

7:30pm. – Regular Stated Meeting "RE-OBLIGATION"

In Memorium

Bro. Rex Cox

Our Treasurer for 33 years passed away on June 17, 2012



Passed Away on May 24, 2012

Into thy loving hands we commend the spirit of our departed brothers. If you hear of someone passing on please let the Secretary know, so that he can send a card to the family.

Greetings from the East



Happy New Year! I hope this finds you in good health and spirits. It is a new year, we have a new home, and if you are reading this, the Mayans were off and the world didn't end.

We are embarking on a new chapter of the long history of our lodge, one that will require hard work and dedication, and I sincerely hope that you will be a part of the upcoming year. I am filled with a realistic optimism that this will be a great year for us. We will be having a Cornerstone ceremony this year to be announced in an upcoming Trestle Board. We also have several degrees scheduled for the first part of this New Year and your attendance as sideliners is always appreciated.

Dues are due and are coming in. At the writing of this article about 1/3 of our members have already paid. Thank you very much for those of you who have already paid. On that note, I want to stress that if you are having a hard time right now and the paying of dues is difficult or even impossible for you, before you make any decisions, please contact myself or our Secretary to see if there can be any arrangements made.

We have been running at a deficit for a while now because the old dues did not cover our expenses. One of my primary goals for this year is to make sure that we are good stewards of the lodge funds and to institute a plan that is realistic and will allow us to be fiscally responsible and solvent, and yet still maintain our events and continue our support of schools and families in need. We have partnered with one middle school and I would like add an additional one. We were able to give away twenty five turkeys to families in need, which I would like to see become a tradition. Charity is one of our founding principles, but is impossible to sustain without the funds properly managed and dues reflective of our actual expenditures.

"Where there is no vision the people shall perish" said our patriarch. We have built the field of dreams, and now it is time to step up to the plate, and move forward, putting the rhetoric into action. I hope you have fantastic 2013 and hope to see you all in lodge often.

Fraternally, Jesse M. Maust Worshipful Master

WHAT MAKES A MASON?

What makes you a Mason, O brother of mine? It isn't the dueguard, nor is it the sign, It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast, It isn't the apron in which you are dressed, It isn't the step, nor the token, nor grip, Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip, Nor yet the possession of that mystic word On five points of fellowship duly conferred. Though these are essential, desirable, fine, They don't make a Mason, O brother of mine.

That you to your sworn obligation are true ——
'Tis that, brother mine, makes a Mason of you.
Secure in your heart you must safeguard your trust,
With lodge and with brother be honest and just,
Assist the deserving who cry in their need,
Be chaste in your thought, in your word and your deed,
Support him who falters, with hope banish fear,
And whisper advise in an erring one's ear.
Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,
And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,
The gavel to vices with courage apply;
Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,
On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come;
The Book of your faith be the rule and the guide,
The compass your passions shut safely inside;
The stone which the Architect placed in your care,
Must pass the strict test of His unerring square,
And then you will meet with approval divine,
And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

___ George H. Free

Sickness & Distress

Bro. Joe Barthlesson, P.M. now at home Irv Uffer is at "Highland Palms Healthcare Center" - Highland

George Ellis is at "Somerford Place" - Redlands

Please visit these brothers if you can.

Prayers Work!!! Just ask someone who has come back from a illlness!

YORK RITE BODIES

SAN BERNARDINO

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



Keystone Chapter No. 56, R.A.M.

January 2nd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
January 2nd – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation
January 5th - 12 noon - Installation of Officers



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

January 2nd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting January 5th – 1:00 pm – Installation of Officers January 9th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly



St. Bernard Commandery No. 23, K.T.

January 2nd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting January 12th - 11:00 am - Installation of Officers January 16th – 7:30 pm – Stated Conclave

SHRINE WIDOWS & FRIENDS CLUB

The Shrine Widows invite all widows and their guests to visit our San Bernardino Widow's and Friends Club. They normally meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at The Gourmet Restaurant, 1445 E. Highland Ave., San Bernardino at 11:30 am. Theirs is often enjoyable entertainment. There will be menu choices to choose from. For more information and reservations, call Eleanor Seccombe at 886-8026 about 2 weeks prior so she may take orders for lunch and prepare appropriate introductions.



Greetings from the South

I have not written an article for the Trestle Board in a while, so I am going to write on one of my favorite subjects, home. My brothers, by now I hope you are all aware that our lodge has moved into our new building on Highland Ave. But what some of you may not realize, this is not just a building, this is our new home. Our Lodge sold our old home at 4th and Arrowhead eight years ago. Since that time, we have been wanderers. Yes, we have rented space one day a week at the Scottish and York Rites, and they have treated us well. However, during that whole time we were just renters, and could only hold our functions on our one night a week that we were allotted in our rental agreements. Now, we have our own building. A place where we can meet with our brothers whenever we want, 7 days a week. A place were candidates and coaches can meet to go over the proficiencies. A place were the officers can go, not just 1 day a week, but any time they need, to go over their work, and become the best they can at doing their work. A place where we can have special events for our WHOLE Masonic Family and invite our family, friends, and neighbors to see who and what we are. A place where we can do all this, is not just "a building", THIS IS OUR NEW HOME.

With this goes an old saying, "Home is where the Heart is." My brothers, the opening of our new Lodge has been a three year process. Back in 2010 our officers spent thousands of hours looking at hundreds of buildings to find the right one. In 2011 the building board had the painstaking task of redesigning the building we purchased so it could be used as a Masonic Lodge, and then hiring an architect that shared our vision and could put that vision on paper. Lastly, throughout 2012 we hired a contractor that was able to turn the old Union Bank building into what is now the San Bernardino Masonic Lodge. At the same time our officers worked many hours with the City to incorporate their needs, making sure our new home was up to code. For three long years, our officers have put their time, energy, and hearts into this building; to make our new Lodge a home that we can all be proud of.

The only thing now missing is YOU, our Brothers, who have not yet come home to see this, our new Lodge and Home.

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

Greetings from the West



According to Masonic tradition, there was a time when we assembled on the tops of hills and mountains, or at the bottom of valleys, the better to "Tile our Lodges, and observe the approach of Cowans and Eavesdroppers. May I simply say, that it is SO MUCH BETTER to have a building of our own, than to have to resort to such extreme measures!!

And may I FURTHER say: "WHAT a Building!! We finally have a Home of our own, that we can use as we see fit, decorate to OUR own tastes, and PROUDLY invite our friends and families to visit.

As some of you have already experienced, this comes with a cost; and NOT SIMPLY a monetary cost. Like all Homeowners, we have a responsibility to CARE for our residence; to keep it clean and attractive, inside and out. As members of the Masonic Family (and of San Bernardino Lodge #178 in particular), we will (from time to time) be called upon to devote a portion of our INDIVIDUAL time, for general cleanup and maintenance of our Home. I hope that when called upon (and as time and circumstance permit), ALL of us will do what we are able, to keep our "House in order.

Furthermore, as the newest "Family on the block (so to speak), it is important that we be the "best of neighbors; that in all of our interactions with surrounding businesses (and THEIR clientele), we may maintain that reputation of courtesy and integrity, befitting our Ancient and Honorable institution.

I want each of you to know that I appreciate the responsibility I have been entrusted with and will endeavor to fulfill it to the best of my poor ability.

Thanks to EACH of you for ALL that you do, and have done for myself **AND** for our Lodge. May the **Great Architect of the Universe** keep you and San Bernardino Lodge # 178, in the hollow of His hand, **ALWAYS**. **So Mote It Be!**

Fraternally,

Mark V. Stilt

Senior Warden

San Bernardino Lodge January 2013

<u>Upcoming Events to Watch for:</u> January 17th – Double 2nd Degrees January 31st – 3rd Degree

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day	2	BB Meeting 6 P.M. Dinner 6:30 P.M. Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.	Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am	Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center
6	7	at Scottish Rite Center 6:00 P.M. Building & Executive Board Meetings	9	2nd Degree Practice 7:00 P.M.	Gate City O.E.S. "Let It Snow" 7:30 pm at York Rite	Installations: Inland Empire 2 P.M. Fontana 5 P.M. Redlands 7 P.M.
13	14	at Scottish Rite Center 6:30 P.M Dinner 7:30 P.M Annual Election of Officers	16	Double 2nd Degrees 7:00 P.M.	18 Hi-Twelve	19
20	21 M. L. King Day	D.O.A. Inland Empire Lodge	23	3rd Degree Practice 7:00 P.M.	Gate City O.E.S. "Re-Obligation" 7:30 pm at York Rite	Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center
at Scottish Rite Center 2:00 P.M Installation of Officers for 2013	28	29	30	31 3rd Degree 7:00 P.M.	<u>Hi-Twelve</u>	