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<p align="center"><i>San Bernardino Hi 12 Club No. 430</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Good Food! Good Fellowship</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Meets Friday Even</i></p> <p align="center"><i>For all Masons, their Spouses, their Widows and Friends</i></p> 	<p align="center"><i>In Memory of a worthy Brother:</i></p> <p align="center"><i>Bro. Smith Marshall</i></p> <p align="center"><i>from a Friend & Brother Mason</i></p>
<p align="center">YOUR NAME/AD HERE</p> <p align="center">\$150.00 FOR ONE YEAR</p>	<p align="center">YOUR NAME/AD HERE</p> <p align="center">\$150.00 FOR ONE YEAR</p>

Masonic Dinner Auction

Attention:
All Bethel No. 33 Job's Daughters
and
Masons of Lodge No. 178, San Bernardino


On Thursday, March 7th, 2013 the Daughters of San Bernardino Bethel No. 33 will be visiting the Masons of San Bernardino Lodge No. 178 at the monthly stated meeting to hold an auction for dinner. The dinners to be auctioned will be cooked by and shared with the daughters and council members of Bethel No. 33 on Thursday, March 21st, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

A listing of the meals to be auctioned will be available outside the Lodge Room doors prior to the auction which will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. on March 7th.

Any daughters and council members wishing to participate in this auction will need to submit their meal to Lauren Petrosino, Senior Princess or Mrs. Colleen Howard, Bethel Guardian **NO LATER** than March 2nd, 2013.

Thank you for your anticipated participation!

Miss Lauren Petrosino
Senior Princess
Bethel No. 33, San Bernardino



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SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

March 12th - 6:00 p.m. - Building & Executive Board Meetings
March 19th - 6:00 - Maundy Thursday Program
- 6:30 p.m. - Dinner (Reservations Required)
- 8:00 p.m. - Stated Meeting



Gate City O.E.S. #212



"Happy St. Patrick's Day"

March 8, 2013 6:00 P.M. Dinner

7:30 P.M. Regular Stated Meeting

"St. Paddy's Celebration" - Lorene Luce, P.M., Chmn.

Norma June Phillips, P.M.

March 22, 2013 7:30 P.M. Regular Stated Meeting

"Spring Fling" - Bonnie Brooks, P.M., Chmn.

Ruth Marie Groves, P.M.

In Memorium

Wor. Bro. Al Root

January 6th, 2013



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



Here we are already into the month of March. Last month we held a 3rd degree for Brother Ed Mote and raised him to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Congratulations to Brother Mote on your advancement in our craft.

At Stated Meeting this month the Job's Daughters are going to be coming down to lodge and holding their annual dinner auction. This is one of their primary fund raisers and is a great experience for all involved. I would encourage all members to come down and bid on a meal. The meal will be served on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 6:30pm. This a great chance for us to come together in fellowship, share a meal, and show our support for our youth orders.

Last month we have also started a new tradition of having a Coffee Social at the lodge on the third Saturday of the month. This is a chance for brothers to get together, share a cup of Java, and fellowship. I would like to send out an invitation to all our brothers to show up for an hour or two and build camaraderie. I know that some of the brothers have a hard time getting to lodge during the week because of work conflicts, but here is a chance to reconnect to lodge in a totally informal and social way. This month's social will be held on March 16th.

We have a 3rd degree scheduled for March 28th. I would like to encourage as many brothers to show as possible. It is a far more impressive degree with a full house. Plus, it is a simple way for us to show our support of our new members.

Lastly, we had a work party at the lodge last month. I would like to thank Wor. Fryer, Wor. Meyer, and Brother Jordan for showing up and their hard work at the building. However, because of the limited number of people who showed up, we were not able to get as much accomplished as we needed to. I understand that we are all very busy, but we need to work together on this, and it should not have to be the same three men doing the majority of the work. If we can 12 people down there, the work can be done in an hour. Heck, why not bring the kids down and teach them a lesson in service and charity. If it's not you, then who?

I hope you all have a fantastic month and look forward to seeing you all in lodge.

Fraternally, Jesse M. Maust, Worshipful Master



From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren, the new Lodge is completed. We are moved in and functioning. I personally am very pleased at what we have constructed, as we all should be. For those of you who have not been able to see it yet, please do so as soon and as often as you can, come and enjoy our new facility and the fellowship.

We have received many negative comments concerning the purchase of the new building, or rather that that is the cause of the raising of our dues. **NOT TRUE.** The Lodge has lost approximately \$ 10,000.00 per year for the past several years. Each of the past 3 years, we have budgeted less costs than the previous year. Last year, 2012, not only did we budget less cost than in 2011, but our actual costs were approximately \$ 2,200.00 less than budgeted. Yet the Lodge ended the year in the **RED** by approximately \$ 7,800.00---**WHY.**

We ended the year 2012 with 308 members. Only 235 of those paid their dues. Had the other 73 paid their dues, the Lodge would have had \$ 8,030.00 extra income and had a break even year. This year we have 318 members. To date 141 have paid their dues. The success **or failure** of the Lodge depends on it's members.

Faternally

Tom Meyer, Secretary

909-489-4896

Sickness & Distress

Bro. Joe Barthlessen, 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 illness!

YORK RITE BODIES SAN BERNARDINO

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



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

March 6th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
March 6th – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation
March 23rd – 8:00 am - Conferral of Degrees



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

March 6th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
March 13th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly
April 6th – Conferral of Council Degrees



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

March 6th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
March 20th – 7:30 pm – Stated Conclave
April 13th – Conferral of Commandery Orders

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.

The Old Master's Wages

I met a dear old man today,
Who wore a Masonic pin,
It was old and faded like the man,
... It's edges were worn quite thin.

I approached the park bench where he sat,
To give the old brother his due,
I said, "I see you've traveled east,"
He said, "I have, have you?"

I said, "I have, and in my day
Before the all seeing sun,
I played in the rubble, with Jubala
Jubalo and Jubalum."

He shouted, "don't laugh at the work my son,
It's good and sweet and true,
And if you've traveled as you said,
You should give these things their due."

The word, the sign the token,
The sweet Masonic prayer,
The vow that all have taken,
Who've climbed the inner stair.

The wages of a Mason,
Are never paid in gold,
But the gain comes from contentment,
When you're weak and growing old.

You see, I've carried my obligations,
For all these many years,
It has helped me through the hardships
And the failures full of tears..

Now I'm losing my mind and body,
Death is near but I don't despair,
I've lived my life upon the level,
And I'm dying upon the square.

Sometimes the greatest lessons
Are those that are learned anew,
And the old man in the park today
Has changed my point of view.

To all Masonic brothers,
The only secret is to care,
May you live your life upon the level,
May you part upon the square.



~Author Unknown

Greetings from the West



I have long had a fascination with all things "Egyptian". Like Benjamin Franklin, my interest in Freemasonry was at least PARTLY inspired by the belief that Masonry may in fact be ONE of the 'vessels' through which some of the ancient traditions, rituals and wisdom of the Pyramid builders was transmitted to our day.

For **MANY** years respected Egyptologists were adamant, that while the Egyptians performed rituals (they considered beneficial) over the bodies of the deceased, there were NO such "initiations" given to the LIVING!!! **Any talk of the Egyptians transmitting "secret knowledge" or "WISDOM" by way of INITIATION, was dismissed out of hand as being 'mystical hokum'.** Recent decades (however), have seen this situation reversed.

It is now widely recognized that many ancient Egyptians did **INDEED** participate in ritualistic "initiations" **DURING THEIR LIFETIMES**, in order to receive "secret" knowledge intended to benefit them in their **PRESENT**, as well as their **FUTURE** life, in the life world to come.

Even the famous and enigmatic "**Book of the Dead**", (long viewed as being **ONLY** a funerary document), is **NOW** admitted by mainstream Egyptologists to being a "book of the living for conducting **initiations** here on earth". It (and its cousin, the "**Book of Breathings**"), is **NOW** sometimes viewed as a sort of 'script' or 'prompt sheet', for getting one through the long and often complex rituals used during **initiation**. In fact, it may not be too much of a "stretch", to compare them to our modern Masonic "Ciphers".

Indeed, a careful study of ancient Egyptian rituals, show **MANY** significant points of resemblance with modern Freemasonry; and while it would be incorrect to suggest that Egyptian and Masonic rituals were of a kind, **it would NOT be wildly off the mark to suggest that the similarities are more than superficial.** If an ancient Egyptian could be "magically" transported in time, to participate in the Degrees of Masonry, he would find **MUCH** that he recognized and was familiar with. It might even be that he would understand its 'esoteric' meanings more readily than his modern counterpart; for he was steeped in this very type of symbolism, from his youth and upward.

Brethren – When our ritual refers to Masonry as being "Ancient and Honorable", **it is NO EXAGGERATION!** Freemasonry DOES carry (for those who are inclined to search), some of the "Secrets" of the "Ancients", and a far deeper meaning than we commonly ascribe to it. In some of my upcoming **TRESTLEBOARD** articles, I hope to explore some of these themes more fully.

In the meantime, I'd like to encourage the Brethren to **CONSIDER** the organization of Masonic study groups, where papers can be presented, and where Lectures (accompanied by Dinner) might also be delivered; so that those things which are not proper to be put to paper, **MAY** (nonetheless), be transmitted "mouth to ear" and lodged within the Faithful Breast. We now have the facilities at our disposal for doing so. May we make such good and noble use of them, is my humble suggestion and wish.

Fraternally, Brother Mark V. Stilt Senior Warden

San Bernardino Lodge

March 2013

Upcoming Events to Watch for:

March 16th – Open House 9:00 am
 March 21st – Job's Auction Dinner
 March 25th – D.O.A. at Fontana Lodge
 March 28th – 3rd Degree

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am	2  Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center
3	4	5	6	7  BB Meeting 6 P.M. Dinner 6:30 P.M. Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.	8  Gate City O.E.S. "St. Paddy's Celebration" Dinner - 6:00 pm 7:30 pm Stated Meeting at York Rite	9
10 <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i>	11	12  at Scottish Rite Center 6:00 pm - Building & Executive Board Meetings	13	14  3rd Degree Practice 7:00 P.M.	15 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	16  Open House Coffee Social 9:00 am
17  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19  at Scottish Rite Center 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Program 6:30 pm - Dinner 8:00 pm-Stated Meeting	20	21  Job's Daughter's Dinner - 6:30 pm 3rd Degree Practice 7:30 P.M.	22 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. "Spring Fling" 7:30 pm at York Rite	23  Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Easter</i> 31	25  D.O.A. at Fontana Lodge 6:30 P.M.	26	27	28  3rd Degree 7:00 P.M.	29 <i>Good Friday</i>	30