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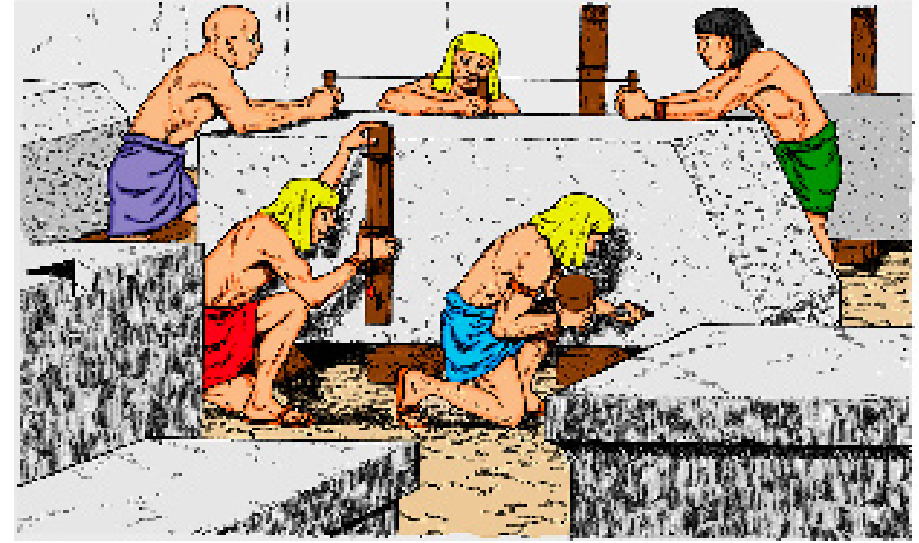

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In Memory of a worthy Brother:

Bro. Smith Marshall

from a Friend by Brother . Mason

(From the West continued)

into a blissful afterlife; while at the same time, acting as a reference book that he could turn to (in either THIS life, or the NEXT), during the examinations he expected to receive in BOTH places.

One example of such a trial or ‘testing at the gate’, is found in Chapter 125 of some Books of the Dead, as described by Professor Hugh Nibley of BYU:

The gatekeeper asks, “Why have you come?” Answer: “To announce myself!” “What do you desire?” “I am pure from all evil, I want the king’s promise of protection.” “Which god shall I announce?” The answer to this is given in code, with the challenge, “Is it that?” To which the answer, “It is Osiris!” “Correct, proceed!” and the candidate passes on. In such a situation a Book of Breathings would be of far greater help as a prompter in giving the answers than as a ticket or permit.....though it can serve as both” (Hugh Nibley, “The Message of the Joseph Smith Papyri, an Egyptian Endowment”, page 374)

Modern Freemasons might find a thorough study of the Egyptian Books of the Dead, an interesting and fruitful adjunct to their understanding of the origins of Freemasonry.

Fraternally

Mark V. Stilt, Senior Warden



SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

August 3rd - 12 noon - Scottish Rite/ York Rite Unity BBQ
 August 10th - 9:00 a.m. - Degree Practice
 August 17th - 6:30 a.m. - Conferral of Degrees
 August 20th - 6:00 p.m. - Stated Meetings
 - 6:30 P.M. - Dinner (Reservations required)
 - 7:45 p.m. - Program Honoring Blue Lodge Masons



Gate City O.E.S. #212

AUGUST 9, 2013 CHAPTER - DARK

AUGUST 23, 2013 CHAPTER - DARK

In Memorium

Dr. Wendell Mosley
Bro. George Ellis
Bro. Dan Kelly



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



This is going to be one of the busiest months we have had this year. It looks like we may be having at least a 1st degree and 3rd degree this month. Check the calendar and the Facebook Page for more information on the degrees.

We will also be continuing our Masonic education on August 10, 2013 at 10:00am. This event is open to anyone who would like to attend. We are exploring this month's the ancient roots of the fraternity and its impact on modern Freemasonry.

August 17, 2013 we will be having our coffee social at the lodge at 9:00am. Come down and have coffee and doughnuts with the guys and fellowship. This event is also open to anyone who would like to attend.

August 23-25 is our annual Flagstaff trip. We will be converging on Flagstaff, Arizona on Friday August 23 for an informal meet and greet dinner. Saturday we will do our outdoor degree with a dinner followed afterwards and return home on Sunday. This is a great adventure for all folks involved. Come on down to Flagstaff and enjoy a weekend of Masonry and camaraderie. I have listed below a list of local hotels and approximate costs that I received from the Worshipful Master Jason Morrett in Flagstaff. So make sure you make your reservations.

I hope all is well and look forward to seeing you all in lodge. If you have not been in a while come down and say hello. We have all knocked and the door is always open.

Fraternally,

Jesse M. Maust

Worshipful Master

Howard Johnson

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 (928) 779-5121

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\$68/night

Super 8

2540 E. Lucky Lane, Flagstaff, AZ 86004
(928) 773-4888

Lucky Ln Flagstaff

<http://www.super8.com/hotels/arizona/flagstaff/super-8-flagstaff-i-40-ex-198-lucky-lane/hotel-overview>
\$80/night

Days Inn

3601 E. Lockett Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86004
(928) 527-1477

http://www.daysinn.com/hotels/arizona/flagstaff/days-inn-and-suites-flagstaff-east/hotel-overview?reg=Local_-all_-DI_-all&cid=IP_Local&wid=local

\$98/night

Ramada Inn

2350 E Lucky Lane, Flagstaff, AZ 86004
928-779-3614

<http://www.ramada.com/hotels/arizona/flagstaff/ramada-flagstaff-east/hotel-overview>
\$105/night

Sickness & Distress

Bro. Joe Barthlesson, P.M. now at home

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.

August 3rd – Noon – Unity BBQ at Scottish Rite
August 7th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
August 7th – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

August 3rd – Noon – Unity BBQ at Scottish Rite
August 7th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
August 14th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly



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

August 3rd – Noon – Unity BBQ at Scottish Rite
August 7th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
August 21st – 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.



From the Secretary's Desk

WHY?

Why did you join Freemasonry? We learn from the very beginning that no one will ask you to join a Lodge. You must ask to join. It has to be of your own free will and accord.

SINCE YOU ARE A MEMBER, WHY DID YOU BECOME A MASON?

There are many valuable lessons of life to be learned from the study and understanding of work in the Three Degrees of Masonry, that could develop a new, possibly better way of life. These lessons are too numbered to all be listed. Let's examine just three.

The Three Principle Tenants of Freemasonry, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. By the exercise of Brotherly Love, we are taught to regard everyone as one family. To Relieve the distressed, we are taught to help those in need and by Truth we are taught to deal with others with sincerity, honesty and integrity.

We are told by the Master in the Third Degree that on becoming a Mason we may become better men. ATTEND LODGE, LEARN THE LESSONS OF MASONRY, BECOME A BETTER MAN.

Fraternally

Tom Meyer, Secretary

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Greetings from the West



Among the most interesting AND difficult to understand "class" of books used by Egyptians during "Pharaonic" times, were the mysterious type of "funerary documents" commonly referred to as "Books of the Dead", (which also includes "The Book of Breathings")

As the name implies, these interesting scrolls were often placed (at the time of burial) with the mummy; and were believed by the devout to be an aid in providing the deceased a happy 'settlement' or condition among the Divine Beings in the after-life.

For years, these Books of the Dead were regarded by most scholars as being a sort of "passport", granting permission for its owner to pass by and through the fiery trials and tests that were sure to meet the departed soul on its way to glory. In addition it was regarded as a "viaticum", or document that would guarantee to the soul of the deceased, food, offerings and other provisions it was believed he would require on his long and difficult journey to his new home among the gods.

Since the 1950's (however), there have been a certain number of Scholars who suggest that the Book of the Dead, was not MERELY a document to be used by the dead; rather it was a document that was also used by AND useful to the living, by assisting them during initiations that were designed to prepare their hearts and minds (while in Mortality) with the knowledge they would need in the next world to allow them safe passage through the "gates", AND by the sentinels stationed to prevent the passage of the those who were neither prepared nor whom had permission. It was thus useful, (during the initiation ceremonies), in jogging the memory, and providing reminders for those portions of the ritual that were often most difficult to remember.

For Masons, one might liken the Book of the Dead to a combination of a modern Masonic "cipher" AND Membership Card. Its presentation demonstrated that one had received the necessary initiations and ceremonies to grant one admission

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San Bernardino Lodge

August 2013

Upcoming Events to Watch for:

August 1st - BB & Stated Meeting
 August 10th - Masonic Education
 August 15th - 1st Degree
 August 17th - Coffee Social
 August 29th - 3rd Degree
 August 23-25 Flagstaff Trip

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  BB Meeting 6 P.M. Dinner 6:30 P.M. Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.	2  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am	3  Job's Daughters 11:00 am
4	5	6	7	8  1st Degree Practice 7:00 P.M.	9 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. "DARK" 7:30 P.M. at York Rite	10  Masonic Education 10:00 A.M.
11	12	13	14	15  1st Degree 7:00 P.M.	16 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	17  Open House Coffee Social 9:00 am Green Dragon 10 am
18	19	20  at Scottish Rite Center 6:00pm - Stated Meeting 6:30pm - Dinner 7:45pm - Program Blue Lodge Masons	21	22  3rd Degree Practice 7:00 P.M.	23 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>   Gate City O.E.S. "DARK" 7:30 pm at York Rite	24 Flagstaff
25 Arizona Trip 	26	27	28	29  3rd Degree 7:00 P.M.	30 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	31