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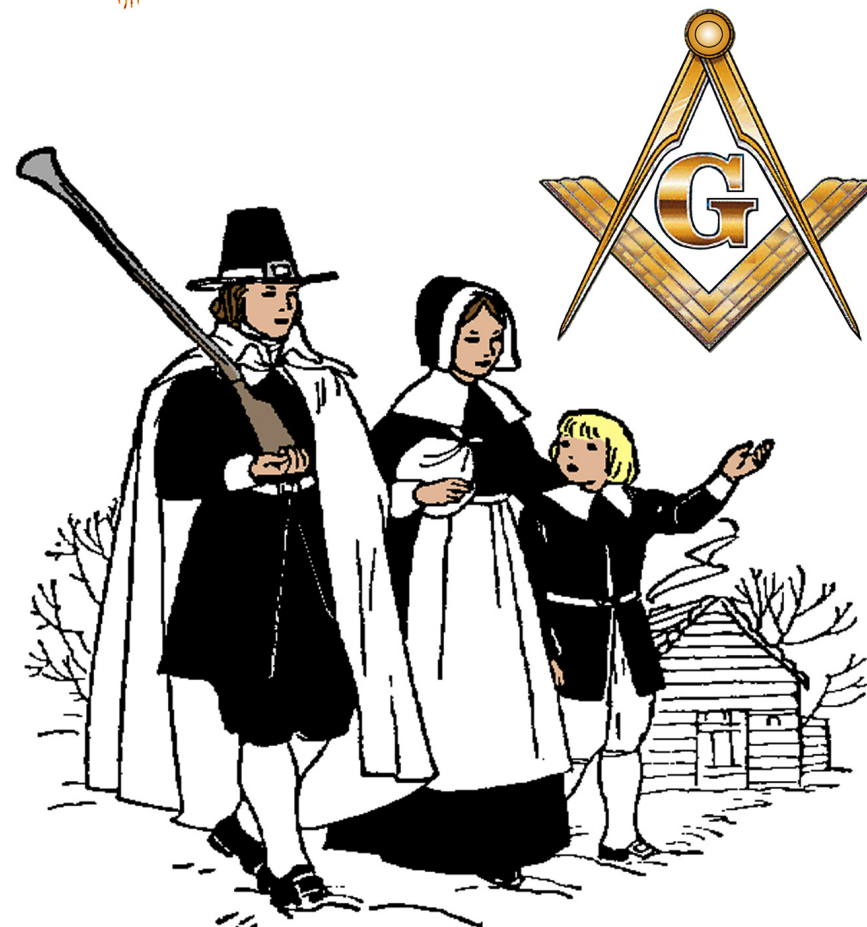
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In Memory of a worthy Brother:

Bro. Smith Marshall

from a Friend by Brothers Mason

Greetings from the West (con't)

In conclusion, a careful study of the Holy Writings, WITH a comparison of those writings TO the traditions of Freemasonry, may help to clear up some of the apparent difficulties contained within their respective accounts.

I hope to address some of these same facts in more detail, (together with other interesting tidbits), at our next "Masonic Education" discussion, on Saturday, 9 November 2013. I sincerely hope I will see you there!!

Fraternally,

Mark V. Stilt

Senior Warden

A MASON

By Bro. Carl W. Mason (March 1916)

A Mason's hand is a hand that helps,
that lifts the fallen one.
That comes, in need, with a kindly deed
to him whose strength is gone.

A Mason's heart is a heart that loves
the best that is good and true;
He stands the friend, his best to lend,
under his banner blue.

A Mason's eye is an eye that smiles
and his a cheering voice;
He spreads the light, dispels the night
and makes the world rejoice.

Over the earth to strange lands,
where distant people dwell,
The eye, the grip, the life, the lip,
of love unchanging tell.



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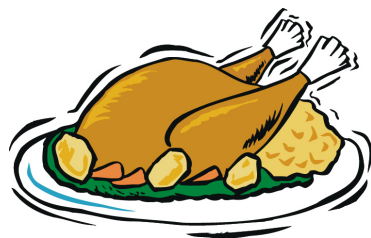
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November 12th - 6:00 P.M. - Building & Executive Board Meetings

November 19th - 6:30 P.M. - Dinner (Reservations required)
- 7:30 p.m. - Feast of Tishri
- 8:00 p.m. - A.A.S.R. Stated Meeting & Women's
Association Meetings



Gate City O.E.S. #212



November 8th - 7:30 P.M. - Installation of Officers
November 22nd - Dark
November 28th - "Happy Thanksgiving!"

In Memorium

Bro. Eugene W. Cook



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 November and Thanksgiving to you all! I hope this Trestle Board finds you in good health and spirits as we embark into that whacky and crazy holiday season. With that in mind, a tradition we have in our family is to say what we are thankful for at Thanksgiving dinner. I wanted to take a moment to express my personal thanks to some people who have been instrumental in making this a smooth year for all of us of San Bernardino #178.

I would like to thank all of the officers for their dedication to their positions, in studying diligently for degrees, and participation in our events. I have been blessed to work with some really good men who devote their time to the lodge for no other reason than the love of Masonry and the desire to perpetuate it to future generations.

I would also like to thank our Secretary and Officer's Coach, Worshipful Tom Meyer. Your dedication to our craft, all of its bodies, and your volunteered duties are beyond mere description. I truly appreciate your friendship and mentorship.

I would like to thank Worshipful Richard and Theresa Harlan and Josh and Katrina Moreland for your food preparations for stated and special meetings. The meals have been fantastic and enjoyed by all.

I would like to thank Worshipful Thad Coffing for stepping into line when we had a vacancy open up. I could always count on you to fill a position when needed.

I would like to thank Worshipful Rick Stilt for your continued dedication to the lodge. Almost every aspect of the lodge from the room addition, to the sign, grounds work etc. has had your hand in it.

I would like to thank Worshipful Sean Brannon and Brother Mark Stilt for making Masonic Education happen every month. Your lectures/discussions have been thought provoking and engaging and thoroughly enjoyable. I hope that is a tradition that continues on into the years to come.

Lastly, I joined Masonry for romantic ideals. The symbols, the lessons, the principles and tenants all spoke to me in a powerful way. I love the motto that we "make good men better", or rather that Masonry is "a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols." With that said, I want to thank each of our members for their continued membership in our lodge, extend the invitation to those of you who have been absent a while, and let you know our door is always open.

With that said, this is going to be a busy month. Starting on November 2, 2013 at Inland Empire Lodge they will be having a Hiram Award for Worshipful David Brown. It will start at 2:00pm. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Stated meeting will be held on November 7, 2013. We will also be calling up that night for two 3° proficiencies. As well as having our annual election of officers.

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Greetings from the East (con't)

Please come down and participate in the elections and watch our recently Raised brothers complete their proficiencies.

Saturday November 9, 2013 we will be continuing on with our Masonic Education. That will go from 10-11:00am.

November 14th will be a practice, and we will have our coffee social on November 16th at 9:00am.

November 18th is DOA at Fontana Lodge. We will end the month with an Installation practice on November 21, 2013 at 7:00pm. The actual Installation of Officers will be Saturday December 7, 2013.




Lastly, please keep all of our distressed Brothers and their families in your prayers, especially Worshipful Joe Bartleson.

Fraternally,

Jesse M. Maust

Worshipful Master

INLAND EMPIRE MASONIC LODGE
Invites you to the 2013 Iliam Award
investiture for: David Brown, PM



Location 260 So Palms
Rialto, CA
When November 2nd, 2013
Time 2pm ceremony, reception following
Dress Business Suit
If additional information is needed please contact either
Charlie Brown, PM 760 948-2118
Or Robert Hulsman, PM 609 882 6541 Recorder

Sickness & Distress

Worshipful Rick Stilt recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Brother Arkan Abdo, Worshipful Joe Bartleson

Please visit these brothers if you can.
Prayers Work!!! Just ask someone who has come back from a illness!

YORK RITE BODIES SAN BERNARDINO

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

November 6th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
November 6th – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

November 6th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
November 13th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly



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

November 6th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
November 20th – 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. There 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

Like the tiny particles in the Hour Glass that move so swiftly, this year has quickly passed by. It is again time for us to elect the Officers that will govern our Lodge for the next year.

As a Master Mason, whether you've been one for 50 years or 1 hour, you have the right and obligation to make your voice heard.

Your attendance at our Stated Meetings is especially important. This is when the business of the Lodge is conducted; bills are approved for payment, motions are made to amend procedures, expenditures for improvements are approved or denied, petitions are accepted or not accepted, candidates are accepted or rejected. The November Stated Meeting is even more important. The Officers for the next year are elected.

We are a democracy, majority rules, every voice counts. Make yours count, exercise your right and obligation to make your voice heard.

SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING

Fraternally

Tom Meyer, Secretary

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Greetings from the West

The building of Solomon's Temple, the persons who accomplished it, AND the circumstances surrounding its successful completion, have inspired several chapters of "Scripture" in the Bible, spawned many interesting associated legends worldwide, AND is central to the ritual and storyline of modern "Freemasonry".

On the other hand, finding the historical "Truth" behind it all, has been frustratingly difficult for both layman AND Scholar. Sources are often confusing and inconsistent; and even the Biblical versions (in spite of their so-called "inerrancy") are suspiciously inconsistent in key details - leading some to wonder if the obfuscation is not (in fact) intentional.

For example: In 1 Kings 7:14, Hiram (the widows son) is specifically said to be "of the tribe of Naphtali", (which was one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Yet, the very same Bible, in 2 Chronicles 2:14 states that (rather than being of the tribe of Naphtali), his mother (therefore presumably Hiram himself), was "a woman of the daughters of Dan" (a tribe entirely DIFFERENT from Naphtali)!!

Another example has to do with the marvelous Brass Pillars, Jachin and Boaz: 1 Kings 7:15 explicitly states that these pillars were "eighteen cubits high apiece"; while 2 Chronicles 3:15 just as positively states that the two pillars were "thirty and five cubits high", a whopping difference of 17 cubits (or ABOUT 25 and a half feet) each.

Again, the capitals or "chapters" of the two Pillars were adorned with rows of "pomegranates" - 200 pomegranates on each chapter according to 1 Kings 7:20; while 2 Chronicles 3:16 states that there were only "an hundred pomegranates"; and does not tell us if that was 100 per Pillar, or 100 altogether.

There are other significant differences in each account, which I do not have space here to relate; but one VERY interesting and significant particular relative to the dimensions of the Temple, have to do with its "Porch": Most artistic renderings of King Solomon's Temple put the Porch of the Temple at 30 cubits (about 45 feet), which was the height of the Temple building itself. What is generally omitted, (although it has the testimony of the book of 2 Chronicles 3:4 AND of the great Jewish Historian Josephus, himself), is that the Porch's "height was an hundred and twenty" cubits or an astounding 180 feet! To put it into a "modern" perspective, the Porch apparently towered 20 stories high, dwarfing the rest of the Temple with its spectacular proportions!! This significant detail of the building is generally 'left out' of most pictures and models, (partly) because modern architects have difficulty understanding how it could have been erected to such heights with the building materials of the day; and (partly) because the disproportionate dimensions are jarring to our "modern" architectural notions of proportion and beauty. Yet, despite any misgivings 21st Century readers may entertain, it is (nonetheless) testified to as having been so by the Bible AND by Josephus!

















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San Bernardino Lodge

November 2013

Upcoming Events to Watch for:

November 2nd - Hiram Award at Inland Empire 2:00pm
 November 7th - BB & Stated Meeting
 November 9th - Masonic Education 10:00am
 November 16th Coffee Social 9:00pm
 November 18th - DOA at Fontana Lodge
 December 7th - Installation of Officers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am	2  Job's Daughters 11:00 am
3  Daylight Savings Time Ends	4	5	6	7  BB Meeting 6 P.M. Dinner 6:30 P.M. Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.	8 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. "Installation of Officers" 7:30 P.M. at York Rite	9  Masonic Education 10:00 A.M.
10	11  We Thank You <i>Veteran's Day</i>	12  at Scottish Rite Center 6:15pm - BB & Executive Meetings	13	14  Practice 7:00 P.M.	15 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Job's Daughters Dinner 6:30 P.M.	16  Open House Coffee Social 9:00 am Lodge Clean Up
17	18  D.O.A. at Fontana Lodge 6:00 P.M.	19  at Scottish Rite Center 6:15pm - Dinner 7:30pm - Program 8:00pm Stated Meetings	20	21  Installation Practice 7:00 P.M.	22 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. "Dark" 7:30 pm at York Rite	23
24	25	26	27	28  Dark <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	29 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	30