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*In Memory of a worthy Brother:*  
**Bro. Smith Marshall**  
*from a Friend by Brother Mason*

## 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.



## SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

- December 17th - 6:00 P.M. - Stated Meetings  
- 6:30 P.M. - Dinner (Reservations required)  
- 7:30 p.m. - Christmas Show- Riverside Concert Jazz Ensemble



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

**DECEMBER 13, 2013**  
**7:30 P.M. STATED MEETING**  
**"POINSETTIA DAY"**

**DECEMBER 27, 2013**  
**7:30 P.M. STATED MEETING**  
**"TIME SQUARE EVE"**



### 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



It has been my honor to serve as Master this year. I think this year has been very productive. We have raised 3 brothers to the sublime degree of Master Mason, and we will end the year with 260 members on the rolls. We have reinstated a monthly Masonic Education Program that is open to anyone with an interest in the Fraternity. We have a recurring coffee social for fraternal fellowship. We have moved all of our items out of storage unit, and cancelled that fee. We have Job's Daughters Bethel 33 using our facility for their meetings. Just recently installed a Flag Pole for the building.

We have continued to support Richardson Prep Hi with their Veteran's Day Ceremony, and will participate in their End of the Year Awards Ceremony by awarding two outstanding students eReaders, and a third student a Barnes and Noble Gift Certificate. We also continued our support of North Vermont Elementary School with the donations of turkeys to families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. The turkeys were purchased by individual brothers and donated on behalf of the Lodge by Worshipful Rick Stilt to Vermont Elementary School.

However, as I pass the gavel over to Worshipful Mark Stilt we still have much to do.

We will have our December Stated Meeting December 5<sup>th</sup> starting with a light dinner at 6:30PM, followed by Lodge at promptly 7:30PM.

Saturday December 7, 2013 at 5:00PM will be our Installation of Officers with a full meal to follow. Please come out and support our new line of officers as they get installed.

Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> will be our coffee social. Masonic Education will resume in January.

This New Year our calendar is already full. In January we should be having a 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree, and a Cornerstone Ceremony.

The Cornerstone Ceremony will be on January 25, 2013 at 11:30am. This will be a large event with many Grand Lodge Officers in attendance. Please mark your calendars for this time-honored event. We are in need of volunteers to help with the event. Please contact me, or any of the other officers, if you are willing to help out as we prepare for this event.

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## Greetings from the East (con't)

We are also in the process of rolling out our PayPal account so that any brother so inclined to pay their dues with a credit card or ATM card will have that option. Keep an eye on the website and Facebook page. Once this is up and running we will post links in both places to the PayPal page.

Again, it has been my honor to serve this year as Worshipful Master. I cannot think of any better institution to devote my time and energies. I appreciate all the hard work and dedication of our outstanding brothers. We are doing great things and know that this new building and New Year is just the beginning of the great things that San Bernardino Lodge #178 is embarking on. I will end by entreating you all to make a commitment this year to being an active part of the lodge. For all great and important advancements of man have all first started with a vision. I look forward to seeing you all in lodge.

Sincerely,

Jesse M. Marst  
Worshipful Master



## From the Secretary's Desk

***FAITH---HOPE---CHARITY***

***THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY***

***REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE IN WANT***

***HAVE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON***

Fraternally  
Tom Meyer, Secretary  
909-489-4896  
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## 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

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



Keystone Chapter No. 56, R.A.M.  
December 4th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting  
December 4th – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.  
December 4th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting  
December 11th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly



St. Bernard Commandery No. 23, K.T.  
December 4th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting  
December 18th – 7:30 pm – Stated Conclave  
December 21st – Christmas Observance & Renewal of  
Knightly Vows

## 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

November has come and gone, and we are now in “The season of giving.” Our Lodge kicked off this season by donating turkeys for needy families of children attending N. Verdmont Elementary school for Thanksgiving. While this is a great start, there are needy in our community, and not just at Thanksgiving. There are many ways we can donate, by giving blood at the local Red Cross, by giving donations to local, national, and international charities, and by volunteering our time for a worthy cause. All are great uses of the gifts that God has given to us. I would ask that each of us, in this season of giving, remember this lesson from the first degree. “To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection.”

While I am on the subject of giving, our Lodge is in desperate need for a new TV so we can show movies during family events, and so our brothers can use it during get-togethers. The 19” TV that we are currently using is not big enough for more than a few people to see, and then only if they are right in front of it. The cost for a new TV is not in our Budget, so I am asking the brethren, if they can, to donate toward the purchase of a new TV for the lodge. If you can donate, please either send a check to the Lodge with the word TV donation on the note field, or you can now donate (or pay dues) from our website via PayPal, and just put TV donation in the note field.

Fraternally,

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



## Greetings from the West

This will be my final written communication to the Lodge, as its Senior Warden. This year has been challenging to me on many levels, and I have tried to serve the Lodge and its interests well. Whatever good that I **HAVE** accomplished, has only been possible because somebody else with **GREATER** resolve and ability has been there each step of the way, to point out the way I should go, and to spur me along. **I am SO grateful for that mentoring.**

As a Lodge, and with your vote of confidence, you have now entrusted to my care, “**the keys of Leadership**”, for “**the ensuing Masonic Year**”. I really do feel humbled, and hope that your confidence won’t be disappointed; at any rate, I **WILL** perform this role as well as I know how. I **WILL** fervently endeavor to avoid playing favorites in any partisan or divisive issues; nor will I seek my **OWN** interest - **but will try to keep the “good of the Lodge” and “the good of Freemasonry” as my objective.**

Finally, Brethren – **I sincerely hope that each of you will be as forgiving of the mistakes (that I will doubtless make), as you would be of those of your own offspring.** If I err, please feel free to take me aside *privately*, and whisper good counsel in my ear so that I may learn wisdom; for I am convinced that **San Bernardino Masonic Lodge #178**, will **ONLY** progress **IF** each of us exercises **charitable feelings towards EVERYONE ----- particularly towards our Brethren in Freemasonry!**

Fraternally,

Mark V. Stilt  
Senior Warden

*San Bernardino Lodge*

# December 2013

Upcoming Events to Watch for:

December 5 Stated Meeting  
December 7th - Installation of Officers

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5  BB Meeting 6 P.M. Dinner 6:30 P.M. Stated Meeting 7:30 P.M.	6  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am	7  Installation of Officers 5:00 P.M.
8	9	10	11	12  Practice 7:00 P.M.	13 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. "Poinsettia Day" 7:30 P.M. at York Rite	14
15	16	17  at Scottish Rite Center 6:00pm - Stated Meeting 6:30pm - Dinner & Christmas Show	18	19  Practice 7:00 P.M.	20 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	21  Open House Coffee Social 9:00 am Lodge Clean Up
22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26  Lodge Dark	27 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. "Time Square Eve" 7:30 pm at York Rite	28
29	30	31 <i>New Years Eve</i>				