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SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

February 21st – 6:00 P.M. – AASR Stated Meeting (Election of Officers)
– SBSR Women's Association Meeting
– 6:30 P.M. – Dinner (Reservations Required)
– 7:30 P.M. – Sweetheart's Night and Family Show



Gate City O.E.S. #212

February 10, 2012 7:30p.m. – Stated Meeting

“Ground Hogs Nite”

Grace Windegger, PM, Chairman

February 24, 2012 6:00p.m. Dinner (Fundraiser)

7:30p.m. – Stated Meeting

“Paws for Purple Hearts”

Linda Windegger, W.M. Chairman

Sandy Ditto, PM, Chairman

“A Winter's Day”

“See the falling snowflakes drifting by the pane,

Winging glasslike angles falling just like rain.

The air is crisp and stirring, the freshly fallen snow.

And the warmth I'm feeling inside, sets my eyes aglow.

This winter's day has come before and will come again.

It finds it's way to Earth every now and then.” *By Linda A. Copp*

In Memorium

Bro. Charles Brame

Bro. Frank A. Waller, Bro. David Allen,

Wor. Bro. Mike Betschart, Bro. Louis Mercuri,

Bro. Roy Stephenson, Bro. Hue Covey,

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



Greetings brothers. I would first like to thank the brothers that gave of their time to help with the cleanup of our new lodge on Saturday, January 7th. In 2 hours, we had the landscaping completely trimmed, trash picked up and the debris piled and ready for disposal. A few days later, we had it loaded and dumped to complete the job. I plan on scheduling a clean up each month until construction begins, and I hope to see some new faces each time. Remember, this is YOUR Lodge, a place that we can be proud of, so let's all chip in to keep it looking good. Check the Trestle Board for dates. I want to congratulate and welcome our newest Master Mason, brother Luca Bolsieri. Brother Bolsieri returned his Fellowcraft proficiency in traditional form on January 19th, and went on to receive his 3rd degree that same evening. Wor. Tom Meyer gave the long form lecture and Wor. Daryl Fryer delivered the Charge. Both were done beautifully, and will surely stay with brother Bolsieri as he travels through life as a Master Mason. The officers all performed their duties extremely well and I thank them for their hard work.

Those of you that missed attending the degree also missed out on a very good time of fellowship afterwards. Not much better on a cool evening than a hot bowl of Wor. Meyer's (secret recipe) chilli! See what you missed. We will be having more degrees this month, so check out the Trestleboard and try to be here. Remember how important you felt when a line of brothers congratulated you, and shook your hand? I do, and our newly obligated brothers deserve the same memory.

Remember, this is YOUR lodge, and it needs YOUR help. Sideliners are a valuable asset to any lodge, and this simple act of brotherly love can make a huge difference in health of YOUR lodge. Will you help?

Finally, hope to have a progress report on the status of the new lodge building at stated meeting this month, I'll keep you posted.

Fraternally Yours,
Frederick M. (Rick) Stilt Jr. WM

“Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire called conscience.”Brother George Washington

Greetings from the West



Last month I talked about the beehive and its relevance to our craft. Being that I am on a symbolism study, I would like to continue it with a little discussed symbol of our craft: The Anchor and The Ark. According to Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry the anchor and the ark are symbolic of the "well spent life" that is "grounded in hope." In the book of Genesis we learn that Noah put his faith in God by building an ark as a means of escape from the great inundation that was to come to the world. God was the anchor or hope in which Noah put his faith and the Ark was the vessel that delivered him through the trials and tribulations of the flood. If we practice the tenets of our fraternity we invariably will be the vessel or Ark of moral practice, i.e. Brotherly love, relief, and truth. We practice those tenets in hope for the eternal reward of a life well spent, thereby, creating energies and practices that make the world a better place. Here is an edited excerpt from Mackey's Encyclopedia:

ANCHOR AND ARK

The anchor, as a symbol of hope, does not appear to have belonged to the ancient and classic system of symbolism. The Goddess Spes, the word meaning Hope, was among the ancients represented in the form of an erect woman, holding the skirts of her garments in her left hand, and in her right a flower-shaped cup.

This goddess was honored with several temples at Rome and her festival day was observed on August 1. As an emblem of hope, the anchor is peculiarly a Christian, and thence a Masonic, symbol. It is first found inscribed on the tombs in the catacombs of Rome, and the idea of using it is probably derived from the language of Saint Paul (Hebrews vi, 19), "which hope we have as an anchor of the soul both sure and steadfast."...

"The anchor," says Mrs. Jameson in her Sacred and Legendary Art (1, page 34), "is the Christian symbol of immovable firmness, hope, and patience; and we find it very frequently in the catacombs, and on the ancient Christian gems."...

These symbolical views have been introduced into Freemasonry, with, however, the more extended application which the universal character of the Masonic religious faith required. Hence, in the Third Degree, whose teachings all relate to life and death, "The ark and anchor are emblems of a well-grounded hope and a well-spent life. They are emblematical of that Divine ark which safely wafts us over this tempestuous sea of troubles, and that anchor which shall safely moor us in a peaceful harbor where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary shall find rest."

Such is the language of the lecture of the Third Degree, and it gives all the information that is required on the esoteric meaning of these symbols. The history that is here added by Doctor Mackey of their probable origin will no doubt be interesting to the Masonic student.

Fraternally, Jesse M. Maust, Senior Warden

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

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

February 1st - 7:00 pm - Building Board Meeting
February 1st - 7:30 pm - Stated Convocation



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

February 1st - 7:00 pm - Building Board Meeting
February 8th - 7:30 pm - Stated Assembly



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

February 1st - 7:00 pm - Building Board Meeting
February 15th - 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 Desk



Brethren,

Let me say how busy it's been already this year. We have had 139 members pay their dues for 2012 which is great; however on the other side of the coin we still have 183 members that have yet to pay that's only 43% of our members who have paid. Please send if your dues as soon as possible. If you have not received a dues notice dues for 2012 are \$110.00 please send them in. Also if you need help please call either Wor. Rick Stilt or I and we can help come up with a solution.

Also in the process of switching to our new member database (iMember) we have seem to lost track of some of our brothers, if by chance you know anything about the members listed below (where they are living or their current health status, etc.) please let me know, so I can make the necessary corrections to their records:

Bro. David Erzinger	Bro. Charles Kniffen
Bro. Cheswyn Weaver	Bro. William Pasley
Bro. Daniel King	Bro. William Ford
Bro. Kenneth Hume	Bro. Charles Hazard
Bro. Eugene Cook	Bro. Paul Geserich
Bro. Clinton Toth	

Thank you again 2012 has started off with a great bang and I know that there is so much still to come, including the much anticipated Grand Opening of your new lodge. I hope that you can all find the time in 2012 to make it back to lodge.

Fraternally

Eric L. Bordner, PM

Secretary

Greetings from the South



January saw the "Raising" of Brother Luca Bolsieri to the "SUBLIME" degree of Master Mason. Afterward, the Brethren enjoyed some delicious Chili (provided by Worshipfuls Tom Meyer and Rick Stilt). Turns out that Chili is the perfect food to serve on a cold, winter evening. Friendly conversation and good fellowship topped off the night!

I got to thinking about that word "Sublime". The dictionary tells us that it comes from Latin, and means to be "uplifted";. We are further informed that it denotes something of "high spiritual, moral, or intellectual worth"; indeed, something so 'high', that it can't be excelled!

I believe that the experience of the Third Degree conforms to that definition in every way! As each of you know (by personal experience) every worthy candidate truly is "uplifted" or "Raised" in a way that will be embedded in his memory the rest of his life; AND the lessons embodied in the Degree (if noted and adhered to) are genuinely of such "high spiritual, moral and intellectual worth" that men of every faith have found them to be consistent with and agreeable to the very best contained in the moral, spiritual and intellectual traditions of every nation! Furthermore, the very personal way Masonry impresses these valuable truths upon the mind is TRULY unexcelled!!

As one (like each of you) who has been privileged to receive this degree, I can add my personal testimony that "sublime" is a word that perfectly encapsulates the experience of being "Raised" to be a Master Mason. Congratulations to our newly "Raised" and obligated Brother Bosieri!!!

By tradition, February stirs thoughts of "Romance", "Love" and "Togetherness". Valentines Day in our Country is the 14th of February; and WOE to the man who forgets to bring his Sweetheart some token of his affection at this time!!!

Forewarned is forearmed; so start planning now for that special "something" (be it ever so simple) that will let HER know, that you are grateful for presence in your life. ('Nuff said!)

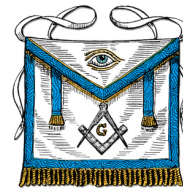
Finally Brethren, spread the word about Masonry. We can't recruit, but we can INFORM!!! Let your lives be such that other men will see that to be a Mason, is to be a good man.

Fraternally,

Brother Mark V. Stilt
Junior Warden

San Bernardino Lodge

February 2012



Upcoming Events to Watch for:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2  Stated Meeting 6:30 P.M. <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am	4  Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center
5	6	7	8	9  2nd Degree Practice 7:15 P.M.	10 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. State Meeting, Groundhog Nite 7:30 P.M.	11
12  <i>Lincoln's Brithday</i>	13	14  De Molay at Scottish Rite Center <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16  1st Degree 7:15 P.M.	17 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	18  Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center <hr/> Lodge Clean up 8:30am
19	20 <i>President's Day</i>	21  at Scottish Rite Center 6:30 pm -Dinner Sweetheart's Night	22  <i>Washington's Brithday</i>	23  Dual 2nd Degrees 7:15 P.M.	24 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. Paws for Purple Hearts 6:00 P.M. Dinner	25
26	27	28  D.O.A. 6:30 P.M. at Inland Empire Lodge	29 <i>Leap Day</i>			