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In Memory of a Worthly Brother:

Bro. Smith Marshall

from a Friend of Brothers - Mason

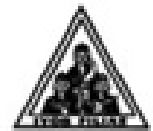
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YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES



JOB'S DAUGHTERS
BETHEL NO. 33

It's Saturday Morning Cartoon Time!

April 7th. We would love to see you!

Any questions can be answered by contacting Colleen Howard,
Bethel Guardian, Bethel No. 33, San Bernardino

“I think there is only one quality worse than hardness of heart and that is softness of head.”



“A man who has never gone to school may steal from a freight car; but if he has a university education, he may steal the whole railroad.”

“The most successful politician is he who says what everybody is thinking most often and in the loudest voice.”

— — — Bro. Theodore Roosevelt



SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

- April 14th - 11:00 a.m. - Women's Association, Fashion & Luncheon
- April 17th - 6:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday - Program, 1st section
 - 6:30 p.m. - Dinner (Reservations Required)
- 7:30 p.m. - Maundy Thursday - Program, 2nd Section
- 8:00 p.m. - Stated Meetings - AASR & Women's Association



Gate City O.E.S. #212 "Happy Easter"

April 13, 2012 6:00pm. Dinner

7:30pm Stated Meeting

"Tour Deltalia"

Grace Windegger, P.M. Chairman

April 27, 2012 7:30pm Stated Meeting

"Lady Bug, Lady Bug, Fly Away"

Linda Windegger, W.M. Chairman

Sandy Ditto, P.M.

May the Glory and the promise of this joyous time of year!

Bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear!

In Memorium

Bro. Bill G. Cox

Passed Away August 2011

Dr. Robert Warburton Miller

Died October 24, 2011, a month shy of his 90th birthday

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. Well, where do I begin? The past couple of months have had their share of ups and downs, but we continue to trudge forward. On the up side, we've had some very good 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees. I'm very proud of the way our officers line has performed, and I'm sure that you are too. We have some very dedicated officers and I encourage you to attend the degrees and see for yourselves. Check the calendar and plan to join us. On the down side, we still DO NOT have enough sideliners attending. Please do your best to show support to our newly obligated brothers. Remember, these men have searched us out in hope that we can be examples and help them to become better men. In a time when I believe societies values and morals have fallen to new lows, these men want to be a part of something better. It is our duty and obligation to light the way, but without you being here, our light is a bit dimmer than it should be. Help us to become bright again. On a lighter and slightly brighter note, progress continues, if not slowly, on the building. Our new furniture (pews) have arrived and they look and feel great. Sadly, they will remain in storage for a while yet as construction has yet to begin. If all goes as planned, this will happen very soon. Construction bids have been received and reviewed and the contractor has been selected and notified. In the next few days we will be submitting the paperwork to Grand Lodge and will only be waiting for their approval. Hang in there.....big things are about to happen.

Frederick (Rick) Stilt

Master

"We represent a fraternity which believes in justice and truth and honorable action in your community...men who are endeavoring to be better citizens...[and] to make a great country greater. This is the only institution in the world where we can meet on the level all sorts of people who want to live rightly."

Wor. Bro. Harry S. Truman

President of the United States

Greetings from the West



Greetings from the West,

April is the month of the fool's day. We use it to play practical jokes on unsuspecting friends and colleagues. I have been "fooled" many times in the past on this particular day, even though I knew the joke was imminent. We use to employ people who acted the part of the fool for the merriment of an audience. Now we call them comedies or comedians. It reminds me of one of the most powerful scenes, in my humble opinion, in drama. It comes from "Hamlet: Prince of Denmark," where the young prince laments death as he finds the skull of the court jester Yorick. It is as follows:

Alas, poor Yorick! I knew him, Horatio: a fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy: he hath borne me on his back a thousand times; and now, how abhorred in my imagination it is! My gorge rims at it. Here hung those lips that I have kissed I know not how oft. Where be your gibes now? Your gambols? Your songs? Your flashes of merriment, that were wont to set the table on a roar? Not one now, to mock your own grinning? Quite chap-fallen? Now get you to my lady's chamber, and tell her, let her paint an inch thick, to this favour she must come; make her laugh at that.

Good jests, good laughs, and good friends are some things we should all hope for this April, as the proverbial showers usher in the May flowers (At least in states where precipitation occurs with regularity). I hope to see you at lodge this month with what is looking to be a very busy and productive month.

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.

April 4th - 7:00 pm - Building Board Meeting
April 4th - 7:30 pm - Stated Convocation



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

April 4th - 7:00 pm - Building Board Meeting
April 11th - 7:30 pm - Stated Assembly



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

April 4th - 7:00 pm - Building Board Meeting
April 8th - 10:00 am - Easter Observance - Shrine Auditorium
April 18th - 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 it definitely has been a very prosperous and successful start of the year. I believe this is the first time in at least the last three to five years that we have had so many brothers pay their dues on time. However we still have a hand full who have not paid. Remember brothers your dues are what fund the day to day operations of the lodge and allow us to put on our programs and other community events. If you are having issues paying your dues please reach out to either myself or Wor. Rick Stilt and let us know the situation we might be able to provide you some assistance.

On a positive note please look to messages from the building board in the next few months we are coming up on the remodel of our newly purchased building and I think everyone will be very interested to see it upon its completion. The new lodge building has been a labor of love for all the officers and members of both the lodge and the building board. Countless hours have gone into this project and I hope once it's completed everyone will make an effort to come and visit.

Fraternally

Wor. Eric L. Bordner, P.M.



Greetings from the South



Sometimes, with the 'Hustle and Bustle' of Degrees, Degree Practices, Stated Meetings, Training, and general "business" for our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, it's good to be reminded of the 'great mystery' behind it all. This month, I'd like to challenge each of us to a re-commitment toward exploring the roots of Masonry.

Defined as "a beautiful system of Morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols", Freemasonry has withstood the test of time, to become the oldest Fraternal Organization in the world; but how does "Morality" become structured into a "System"; and why the "veil"ing Allegory in the first place; and finally why all the "Symbols"??? All these things deserve thoughtful reflection and study.

Many of the forms and "Symbols" of Masonry are found in the Holy Bible; others among the Essenes of ancient Palestine and the Mandaeans of modern Iraq. Still others can be found among the ancient Taoist-Buddhist tombs with their Chinese gods Nuwa and Fuxi.

Elements familiar to modern Freemasons may be found in Ancient Christian burials and among ancient Hebrew covenant-making ceremonies; strong correspondences can be seen in Egyptian Temple ceremonies and in the Book of the Dead. Even the Maya of Central America and the Hopi of North America have a so-called "Masonic" element in their myths and ceremonies.

With so many testimonies to the antiquity the emblems and ceremonial of our "Craft", scholars are still unable determine the true origins of Masonry itself.

I'd like to propose for consideration, a series of dinner-party/lectures by and for interested Brethren, on subjects relative to the Antiquity and Mysteries of Freemasonry. These lectures could be the basis of expanding our understanding and appreciation for the truly remarkable institution of Freemasonry.

Those interested in pursuing this proposal are invited to share their thoughts on how we could plan, organize and present such a series of lectures in the up-coming months.

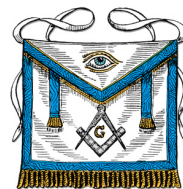
I look forward to your thoughts and input!

Finally, at April's Stated Meeting, we will be serving Ham. Please come and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Fraternally, Mark V. Stilt, Junior Warden

San Bernardino Lodge

April 2012



Upcoming Events to Watch for:

3rd Degree April 12th

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>April Fool's Day Palm Sunday</i>	2	3	4	5  Stated Meeting 6:30 P.M.	6  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am <i>Good Friday Day</i>	7  Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center
8 <i>Easter</i>	9	10  De Molay at Scottish Rite Center	11	12  3rd Degree 7:15 P.M.	13 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. State Meeting, "Tour Deltalia" 6:00 P.M. - Dinner	14
15	16	17  at Scottish Rite Center 6:00 pm - Muandy Thurs 6:30 pm - Dinner 8:00 pm - Stated Meetings	18	19  Degree Practice 7:15 P.M.	20 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	21  Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center
22	23	24	25	26  Degree Practice 7:15 P.M.	27 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. "Lady Bug, Lady Bug, Fly Away"-7:30 P.M.	28  at Scottish Rite Center 6:30 am - Conferral of Degrees
29	30  D.O.A. 6:30 P.M. at Fontana Lodge					