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 <p><i>San Bernardino No. 12 Club No. 430</i></p> <p><i>Good Food! Needs Friday Noon For all Members, their Spouses, their Widows and Friends.</i></p> <p><i>Good Fellowship. Awarded CC. Backside Drive.</i></p>	<p><i>In Memory of a worthy Brother:</i></p> <p><b><i>Bro. Smith Marshall</i></b></p> <p><i>from a Friend &amp; Brother, Mason</i></p>
<p><b>YOUR NAME/AD HERE</b></p> <p><b>\$150.00 FOR ONE YEAR</b></p>	<p><b>YOUR NAME/AD HERE</b></p> <p><b>\$150.00 FOR ONE YEAR</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>What happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence.</b></p> <p>Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died.</p> <p>Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.</p> <p>Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army; another had two sons captured.</p> <p>Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the Revolutionary War. They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.</p> <p>What kind of men were they?</p> <p>Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners; men of means, well educated, but they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.</p> <p>Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.</p> <p>Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.</p> <p>Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.</p> <p>At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. He quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.</p> <p>Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.</p> <p>John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished.</p>	



## SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

- July 17th - 6:00 p.m. - Stated Meetings  
- 6:30 p.m. - Dinner (Reservations Required)  
- 7:30 p.m. - Recognition of Past Commanders of the Council of Kadosh



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

All we have of Freedom, All we use or know!  
This our Fathers bought for us, Long and Long ago!

By Rudyard Kipling

**July 13, 2012** 7:30p.m. Stated Meeting

"Patriotism" – Jane Croyle, Chairman

**July 27, 2012** 6:00-8:00 pm.

"Summer BBQ & Ice Cream Party"

Bingo for Prizes..

Hamburgers (all the fixings), Drinks, Ice Cream

**Tickets: \$10.00 per person**

**R.S.V.P. By July 25<sup>th</sup> – "So you won't be left Out!"**

Sandy Ditto (909) 862-5241

## In Memorium

**Bro. Orville Nunley**

Passed Away on May 24, 2012

**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



From the East

Greeting Brothers. I would like to start by thanking our Senior Warden, Jesse Maust for assuming the Masters position for the June Stated Meeting. As most know, I had knee surgery the day before, and just couldn't manage to attend. All is well now though and I'm anxious to get back. We are now just about a month into the construction of the Lodge, and all is going well. The security fencing is installed, and looks great. I'll continue to post progress reports as things move forward. BUT...I am anticipating that our September Stated Meeting MAY be in the new Lodge Room. Fingers crossed.

**PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING....**mark your calendars for August 24th & 25th. Our annual Flagstaff AZ / San Bernardino visitation and dual 3rd degrees will be held here this year and your presence is requested. If you have not attended or been a part of this experience which has been going on for many years now, you will be in for quite a treat. Two evenings of great fellowship and food, shared with brothers of both lodges wrapped around two third degrees, a California and an Arizona, ending up with memories that will last forever. Please support your Lodge in this effort and join in the fun with us. For additional information, contact any of your lodge officers and they will be happy to answer any questions. For our brothers that haven't been in lodge for a while, how about coming down to one of our Thursday evening practices and have a cup of coffee with us? Hang around, watch or even join in if you like. We really do enjoy your company. Don't worry if you have forgotten some things, we'll bring you back up to speed. Finally, I wish each of you and your families the best and safest 4th of July holiday ever.

Fraternally,

Frederick(Rick) Stilt  
Master  
San Bernardino Lodge#178



**DUES!!!!** Please get your dues payments in o the Lodge Secretary. We are halfway through the year, and too large a number of our membership have still not sent them in.

We will be requiring members to present their dues card to the Tiler in order to gain admission to Stated Meetings in the very near future, so be ready!

## Greetings from the West



Happy Fourth of July!!!! July is my favorite month of the year, not only because it is my birthday month, but it is also a month of celebration, fireworks, and barbecues. It is a time when we contemplate the risks and gains that our forefathers made when demanding their own ability to govern themselves independently of the British Crown and interests. Names such as George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams etc have become immortal heroes in our mind and collective conscience; many of those men were also artisans of our craft. With that in mind, I will give you here some of their own words:

*They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety. – Benjamin Franklin*

*A wise and frugal government which shall restrain men from injuring one another, which shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government. – Thomas Jefferson*

*If ye love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude greater than the animating contest for freedom, go home from us in peace. We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you. May your chains set lightly upon you; and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen. – Samuel Adams*

*The preservation of the sacred fire of liberty, and the destiny of the Republican model of government, are justly considered as deeply, perhaps as finally staked, on the experiment entrusted to the hands of the American people. – George Washington*

*Laws are made for men of ordinary understanding and should, therefore, be construed by the ordinary rules of common sense. Their meaning is not to be sought for in metaphysical subtleties which may make anything mean everything or nothing at pleasure. --Thomas Jefferson*

If you are so inclined to buy fireworks, I would encourage you to support our youth orders by visiting our fireworks booth in San Bernardino. It is a great fund raiser for the kids.

This time next year we will be in our own building, and I hope that maybe we can come together and celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as a Masonic family with our own barbeque and celebration.

Fraternally, Jesse M. Maust

Senior Warden

## Sickness & Distress

Bro. Rex Cox, our treasurer of 33+ years is now at home in hospice care. Visitors are appreciated, but are requested to call first.

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.

July 25th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting  
July 25th – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation



### Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

July 25th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting  
July 11th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly



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

July 25th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting  
July 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's Desk



Brethren, I believe we are at a crossroads. What we accomplish or do not accomplish, this next year may well determine our Lodge's Future. Our Lodge, like any other organization or group, experiences the highs and lows of life.

Masonry in general, not just our Lodge, has been on the decline for several years. Hopefully we have reached the bottom of this low and are on the upward swing.

In a few short months our new building will be completed and we will be able to start a new chapter in the Lodge's History. Now, more than ever, we all need to recommit ourselves to the principles of Free Masonry and make our Lodge a shining example in the community. I will borrow a line from JFK, Ask not what the Lodge can do for you, ask what you can do for the Lodge.

Fraternally,  
Tom Meyer, Secretary

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 24th & 25th  
Annual Flagstaff AZ/San Bernardino  
Visitation and Dual 3rd Degrees.  
This year it will be here and  
your presence is requested.

## Greetings from the South



One of the things I love about **July**, is that it gives everybody the opportunity to participate in good "Old Fashioned", (and totally unabashed) **Patriotism!** Houses, Gravesites and Parks will be decked with **Flags**, and bunting of **Red, White and Blue**. Picnics (large and small) with Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, 'Soda Pop' and **Apple Pie**, will invite everyone to share in the celebration of National Freedom, was birthed at the signing of our **Declaration and Independence**, Guaranteed by our **Constitution** and **Bought by the shedding of Blood**.

In the evening, **families and friends** will gather together with lawnchairs and blankets to stare at the sky as brilliant Fireworks (accompanied by musical renditions of our favorite **patriotic songs**), light the evening sky, (in token of real battles once fought, but now only referenced in obscure history books).

These **ARE** the "**lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer**" as the once popular song states; and it is fitting that they be should be 'kicked-off' (as it were) with a display of **National Pride and Unity**.

We'll need the memory of this glorious (if fleeting) patriotic "**unity**" to get us through the next several months of Partisan wrangling, bickering, accusations and name-calling, that we call "presidential politics".!

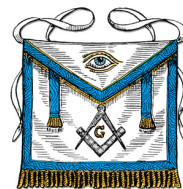
May I encourage each of us as **Masons**, that, (ESPECIALLY at this time of political turmoil), we **practice OUT of the Lodge, those virtues we have learned IN the Lodge**; especially the virtue of **Tolerance for the Religious and Political views** of our Brothers in Masonry, AND of our Brothers and Sister who are simply **AMERICANS!**

Fraternally,  
Mark V. Stilt  
Junior Warden



San Bernardino Lodge




# July 2012



Upcoming Events to Watch for:

*Job's Fireworks Sale July 4th*

*3rd Degree School of Instruction at  
Evergreen Lodge July 14th*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4  Job's Daughters Fireworks Sale <i>Independence Day</i>	5  Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 P.M.	6  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am	7  Job's Daughters Installation at Scottish Rite Center
8	9	10  De Molay at Scottish Rite Center	11	12  2nd Degree or Practice 7:15 P.M.	13 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. State Meeting, "Patriotism" 7:30 P.M.	14  Evergreen Lodge 3rd Degree School of Instruction
15	16	17  at Scottish Rite Center 6:00 P.M. - Stated Meetings 6:30 P.M.- Dinner 7:30 P.M.- Recognition of Commanders of Kadosh	18	19  2nd Degree or Practice 7:15 P.M.	20 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	21  Job's Daughters Instructional at Scottish Rite Center
22	23	24	25	26  3rd Degree or Practice 7:15 P.M.	27 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. Summer BBQ & Ice Cream Party - 6:00 P.M.	28
29	30	31				