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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>San Bernardino No 12 Club No. 430</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Good Food!</i></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Good Fellowship</i></p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Needs Friday Even</i> <i>Arrowhead CC Backside Drive.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>For all Members, their Spouses, their Widows and Friends.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>In Memory of a worthy Brother:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;"><i>Bro. Smith Marshall</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>from a Friend & Brother, Mason</i></p>
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Inland Empire York Rite Association and Southern California York Rite College No. 110

*Cordially invites you to attend a dinner and gathering
Celebrating Unity between the Rites*

*August 11, 2012 – 12:00 noon
Summer Casual Dress*

Both Rites

Are Right

Valley of San Bernardino Scottish Rite

*Menu: Tri-Tip, Corn, Baked Potato, Baked Beans & Ice Cream
Salad, Dinner Roll, Coffee, Punch & Ice Tea
Donation: \$12.50/person*

*At
San Bernardino York Rite Temple
2888 N. Arrowhead Avenue
San Bernardino, California 92405*

*For Reservations or Information contact:
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SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

August 11th - 12 noon - Unity Luncheon at York Rite Temple

August 21st - 6:30 p.m. - Dinner (Reservations Required)
- 7:30 p.m. - Recognition of Past Venerable Masters
- 8:00 p.m. - AASR Stated Meeting



Gate City O.E.S. #212

The sea, the sea calling out to you and me
Waves rush in to caress the sand,
Only to roll out again!

Have a Wonderful Summer..

August 10, 2012 Dark

August 24, 2012 Dark

In Memorium

Bro. Rex Cox

Our Treasurer for 33 years passed away
on June 17, 2012

Bro. Orville Nunley

Passed Away on May 24, 2012



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 my brothers:

Many of our brothers will remember the 1967 Clint Eastwood movie "The Good the Bad and the Ugly". Well, unfortunately, that is the theme of my article this month. As you read on you will understand. **Good** news is that we passed an Entered Apprentice to the degree of Fellowcraft last month, and also raised a Fellowcraft to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Please congratulate and welcome brother Samir Farouh when you see him. **Bad** news is that we continue to take a loss at our Stated Meeting Dinners....not enough participation. Stated meeting dinner is at present our best/only opportunity to get together as brothers and sisters and we truly miss having more of you around to talk with. I know it's difficult for some to get out, but we will do our best in helping you if that is the case. We want you here! Now the **Ugly**. If you are keeping up with the news, you no doubt hear "budget shortfall" used on a daily basis. Well, we, as a lodge, have a severe budget shortfall. And no, it is not due to purchasing a new building. It's because membership has declined severely and also that a large number of our brothers have not yet paid their dues for 2012. However, even if the delinquent brothers paid their dues now, we would still be in trouble financially. A motion was passed at last stated meeting to raise our dues, and we will be discussing the issue and reasons at this month's (August) Stated Meeting. I highly recommend that you attend so as to understand the reasons and to voice your opinion. As I stated before, if you need assistance to attend, let me know and I will do my best to get you to lodge.

More good to end with....remember, the 24th & 25th. Our annual joint California/Arizona Event, don't miss it.

Fraternally
Frederick (Rick) Stilt
Master

"To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."
Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)
26th Us President

"All growth depends upon activity. There is no development physically or intellectually without effort, and effort means work."
Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933);
30th Us President

Greetings from the West



I had the opportunity to go to the 12th Annual Masonic Symposium in Pasadena last month. I just wanted to take a moment to relay what an interesting event that was. If you enjoy the intellectual study of our ancient mysteries, I cannot think of a better opportunity to get some very unique insights into our craft and its origins. Not only that, but all the sessions, except one, were open to the general public, which means that Prospective members, Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts, wives and adult family members were all welcome. There was a compendium session for non-master masons to attend in lieu of the tiled session.

This year's topic was "The Emergence of Speculative Masonry." An interesting account of the formation of Scottish Lodges was delivered by A. Trevor Stewart, Ph.D., P.M. During which he explained the motivations and emergence of "Gentleman" entrants into the ranks of Scottish 17th century lodges. This was followed by a paper read by Shawn E. Eyer, M.A., P.M., on "The Development of Speculative Freemasonry in Organizational Identity and Legend."

The crowning moment, for me, was a talk delivered by Timothy W. Hogan, P.M., on "The Alchemical influence on the Gentle Craft." We know from our own tradition that "tools and implements of architecture, most expressive are selected by the fraternity to imprint upon the memory wise and serious truths; thus through the succession of ages are transmitted unimpaired the most excellent tenets of our institution." The interesting thing is that in the Alchemy traditions of Europe, the Near East, and Africa we see an uncanny crossover of the same tools and implements of architecture, used for very similar purposes. If we remember that during the time of western Alchemy, the predecessor to modern Chemistry and Medicine, religion and science were at odds with each other, thus the necessity of secrecy became paramount. Their lives literally depended on it. Not only that, Alchemists needed a code to communicate their ideas to one another which would look harmless to the uninitiated, but would convey important messages to the practitioner, which we find in the Symbolic use of Hieroglyphics and emblems. Anyway, it was a fascinating symposium and would be well worth your time to visit next year if you are able and inclined. There are several books written by Wor. Hogan that can be purchased on Amazon.com if you care to read further about this topic.

I look forward to seeing you all in lodge, and I hope you are having a safe and blessed summer.

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.

August 1st – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
August 1st – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation
August 11th _ 12 noon – Unity Luncheon



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

August 1st – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
August 8th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly
August 11th – 12 noon – Unity Luncheon



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

August 1st – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
August 11th – 12 noon – Unity Luncheon
August 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's Desk



Brethren if you don't vote on the issues that govern your life, you have little right to complain. The issue of dues was discussed at the July Stated Meeting. This is an issue that affects all the members of the Lodge ----YOU.

It was discussed that to meet the monthly expenses of the new building, our dues would have to be substantially increased. Per the CMC, this issue has to be discussed again at the August Stated Meeting. At the September Stated Meeting a motion must be made and voted on concerning an increase in dues.

Without your participation, a handful of members could decide for all 239 members. **COME TO THE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER STATED MEETINGS. MAKE YOUR OPINION KNOWN.**

Fraternally

Tom Meyer, Secretary

Continued from the South...

Brethren - Masonry in America (and the World) is languishing and rapidly declining, PERHAPS (at least in part), because, in our efforts to gain membership we have minimized the one requirement necessary to secure the Love and Commitment of potential Masons - **actual Sacrifice** for the Craft!! People value most, that which they must Sacrifice to obtain.

What would you give up to maintain your membership and affiliation with Masonry and the Lodge? Time?? Talents?? Friendships?? Money?? Reputation??

The day may come when each of us is called on to give more for the Craft than they ever anticipated having to give. Like our beautiful hero of old, we may be called upon to give our last full measure. May the Great Architect give us the strength to sacrifice for those things that are most important.

Fraternally,
Mark V. Stilt
Junior Warden

Greetings from the South



I **have often reflected** that I could count on the fingers of one hand, the best decisions of my life; that is, those things that I have chosen to do, which have had the greatest, most positive, and most long lasting effects on my life; AND which (if given the chance to do over again), I would do enthusiastically and without hesitation.

The **First**, has to do with my chosen **Religion and Faith**; I consider it the single most important decision of my life, (for reasons which are probably apparent to ALL who value their relationship with Diety).

The **Second is Marriage**. Unlike some guys (I suppose), I AM the "marrying kind"!! I have found that IN SPITE of the difficulty of reconciling two (sometimes opposing) minds and wills, the companionship of a loving spouse is irreplaceable. Like Brother Benjamin Franklin, I've always considered marriage to be the natural state of man; and that those times when I was single, was akin to being only one-half of a pair of scissors.

The **Third is Children**. I can't imagine my life without the kids I've had. Each one is pressed upon my soul like a signet upon a waxen seal; they are as much a part of me as my fingers, toes, heart and mind. One of my VERY best decisions!!

Fourth, (for me) is my **Military Career**. Much like **Faith, Marriage and Children**, the Military required a level of commitment beyond mere "choice". Once committed to your Country and her Defense, the "choice" from that point on is already made.....whatever is required, is what you give.

Fifth, is my membership in **Freemasonry**, with all the **obligations** encompassed by that membership!!

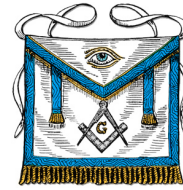
Each of these **"Five best things I've ever done"** have required huge investments of Time, and Sacrifice (and, sometimes even money) to succeed; yet each has been infinitely worth it!! Four of my "Five Best", required actual commitments by Covenant; The one that DIDN'T require a Covenant to accomplish, was greatly facilitated by the Four OTHER Covenants made.

I believe that when we value a thing (Such as a Country, a Religion, a Spouse or a Child) we become willing to Sacrifice for it; and that ultimately, any institution or thing that does not require at least the **Potential Sacrifice of all things**, does **NOT** have the power to **completely secure our love**.

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San Bernardino Lodge

August 2012



Upcoming Events to Watch for:

Double 3rd Degrees with Arizona
August 25th Party at Bro. Abdo's house

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2  Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 P.M.	3  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am	4  Job's Daughters Installation at Scottish Rite Center
5	6	7  De Molay at Scottish Rite Center	8	9  3rd Degree Practice 1st. Section 7:15 P.M.	10 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. Dark	11
12	13	14	15	16  Past Masters Night 1st Degree 7:15 P.M.	17 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	18  Job's Daughters Instructional at Scottish Rite Center
19	20	21  at Scottish Rite Center 6:30 P.M.- Dinner 7:30 P.M.- Recognition of Past Venerable Masters	22	23  3rd Degree Practice 2nd Section 7:15 P.M.	24 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. Dark	25  Double 3rd Degree w/Ariz. Party @ Bro. Abdo's House
26	27	28	29	30  Degree Practice 7:15 P.M.	31	