

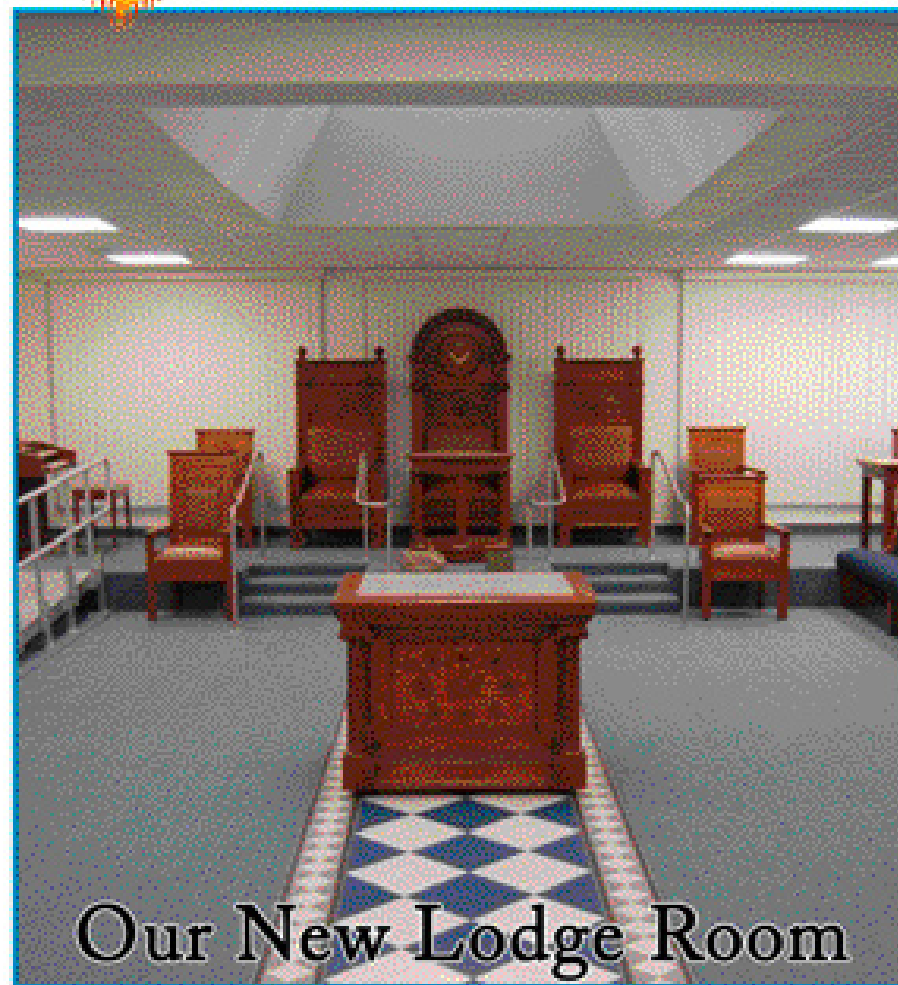
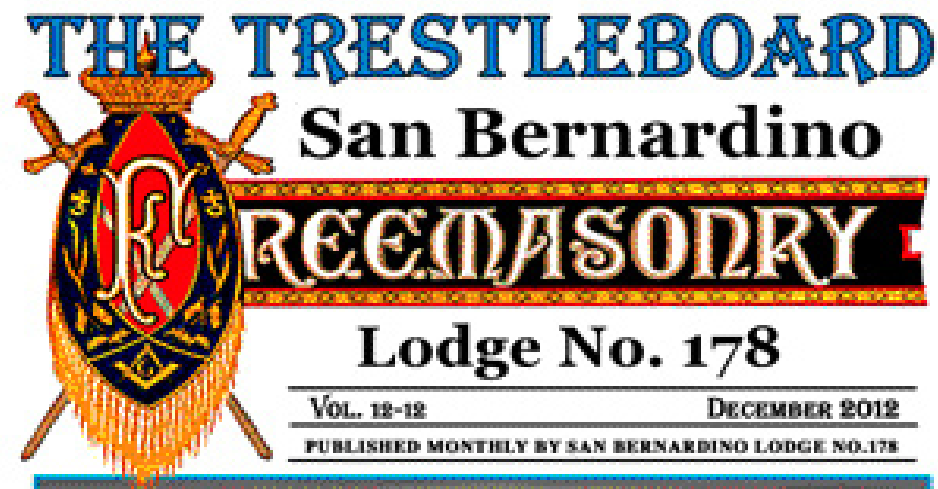
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>San Bernardino No 12 Club No. 430</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <p><i>Good Food!</i></p>  <p><i>Good Fellowship</i></p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meets Friday Even</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 &amp; Brother, Mason</i></p>
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### *Pictures from inside our New Lodge Room*



View of the East



View of the Southwest Corner



View of the West



## SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

December 18th - 6:30 p.m. - Dinner (Reservations Required)  
- 7:30 p.m. - Christmas Show  
- 8:30 p.m. - AASR Stated Meeting  
- Women's Association Meeting



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

### **DECEMBER 14, 2012**

7:30pm. – Regular Stated Meeting  
“CHRISTMAS”

### **DECEMBER 28, 2012**

7:30pm. – Regular Stated Meeting  
“NEW YEAR’S”  
(Meeting at York Rite Temple)

### **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



Seasons Greetings Brothers,

Once again, I hope this finds you in good health and spirit. This being my final note “From the East”, I want to thank everyone for their support and help throughout the past year. With our elections for the ensuing Masonic year completed, I am happy to say that the future of our lodge looks brighter than it has for some time. Having said that, the new Master and his Wardens will need your support more than ever. With our new lodge will come many new challenges. We can overcome virtually all the challenges we face with your help brothers, and we can have fun while doing it. We can and **WILL** become a visible member of our community again. We **WILL** need your help, but we **WILL** also succeed. Will you join us? Now on the business side; during our November stated meeting, I notified the lodge, in accordance with CMC 807.050, that effective the lodge vote at Stated meeting on December 6, 2012 that we will have a permanent change of address. The new lodge address is: 1380 E. Highland Ave, San Bernardino California, 92404. December Stated meeting will be held at the new address. Installation of Officers will also be held at the new lodge on Saturday December 1, 2012. Brothers, the new lodge room is beautiful and I hope you will help us fill the seats not just at stated meetings, but at degrees, breakfast's, coffee's and whatever else we do. This is your lodge, don't let it be vacant of your Brotherly love relief and truth. I recently had one of our long time brothers say to me that masonry isn't what it was when he joined over 50 years ago. I ask, if that is the case, why is that? We teach the same principles! We have good men that seek the same things Masons have sought in all ages before us. We meet regularly. What I think we are missing is the “old timer” who thinks the younger generation won't listen to him or that its just not that important anymore. Well, just as I believe that I'm relevant and necessary in my grand kids lives, to teach them the values I think are necessary for a good future, so do I think the “old timer” is necessary in the lives of our younger Mason, and for the very same reason. I will happily give of my time, will you please give some of yours?

Again, it has truly been an honor and privilege to serve as your Master for the past year, and I will cherish the memory forever. Thank you brothers.

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## From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren, the great day has come. Like Charlie Brown, Lucy and Snoopy who waited with great anticipation for Christmas to come, we who have been involved with the new building have waited with great anticipation for its completion. The day is here. We moved the furniture in on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. The City bought off on final inspection on the 14<sup>th</sup>. WE WILL HAVE INSTALLATION ON DECEMBER 1, 2012 IN THE NEW BUILDING.

The building turned out very nicely. It is a Lodge we can all be proud of. Let us continue this new chapter in our history by promoting our principles and growing our Fraternity.

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you and you families a Very Merry Christmas.

Faternally Tom Meyer, Secretary

*(Master's Message continued)*

### Ponder this:

Brother, I, too own a television set, but that does not keep me home on Lodge night. I have never yet had one of the characters on television come off the screen and shake my hand. They have never offered me the warm friendship that my Lodge Brothers do. They have never handed me a cup of coffee or a doughnut. **NO! NEVER!**

.....Author Unknown

**Be sure to RSVP for our Installation dinner**

## 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

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



**Keystone Chapter No. 56, R.A.M.**  
December 5th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting  
December 5th – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation



**Valley Council No. 27, C.M.**  
December 5th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting  
December 12th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly



**St. Bernard Commandery No. 23, K.T.**  
December 5th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting  
December 15th - 8:00 am - Christmas Observance  
December 19th – 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.





## Greetings from the South

I'd like to express my **appreciation** to **San Bernardino Lodge #178** for the **opportunity** given me, **to serve as your Junior Warden, during the year 2012.** It's been for me, **a time of learning and growth; AND the chance to rub shoulders with some truly gifted individuals!** *"Thank you"* for allowing me this privilege.

I am even more **humbled to be elected as Senior Warden for the ensuing "Masonic Year".** Again, I express my gratitude in extending me **this honor.**

One of the things I love about this fraternity, is how it provides so many opportunities to serve our fellow beings, in **life** (with all our obligations incidental to the living), **AND** in **death** (by **providing a fitting, final memorial for each Brother WITH aid and assistance to his widow and orphans**). So, **whether in life or in death,** **Freemasonry** has its role to play in **relieving suffering, comforting the afflicted, and mourning with those who mourn.**

It is **my sincere prayer** that this coming year will be a happy one for us all; but more importantly, a year of joyful service to one another!

Fraternally,

Brother Mark V. Stilt

Junior Warden



## Greetings from the West

As we enter this season of Christmas, I was reminded, as I was pulling out the Christmas tree out of storage, of the similarities between that and the acacia tree, which is a beloved symbol of our craft. We are taught through our Masonic Education that the acacia tree is an emblem of immortality. The acacia is a symbol for that part of man that shall remain even after our bodies have returned to dust.

It is a hard wood, evergreen tree that can be found in various forms and varieties around the globe. We learn from Mackey's Encyclopedia that "The acacia is called in the Bible Shittim... It was esteemed a sacred wood among the Hebrews, and of it Moses was ordered to make the tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, the table for the shewbread, and the rest of the sacred furniture (Exodus 25-27)." It is a hardy plant that can thrive in arid conditions and produces Gum Arabic as a sap that is used in a variety of applications as described below:

*"It remains an important ingredient in soft drink syrups, "hard" gummy candies such as gumdrops, marshmallows, M&M's chocolate candies and edible glitter, modern cake-decorating staple. Traditional binder used in watercolor paint, in photography for gum printing, and it is used as a binder in pyrotechnic compositions. It has been investigated for use in pharmaceuticals and cosmetics also use the gum as a binder, emulsifying agent and a suspending or viscosity increasing agent. As a wine fining agent. It is an important ingredient in shoe polish, and can be used in making homemade incense cones. It is also used as a lickable adhesive, for example on postage stamps and cigarette papers. Lithographic printers employ it to keep the non-image areas of the plate receptive to water. This treatment also helps to stop oxidation of aluminum printing plates in the interval between processing of the plate and its use on a printing press." ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gum\\_arabic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gum_arabic))*

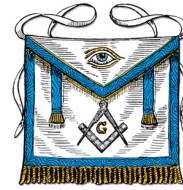
Christmas falls around the winter solstice, the death of a year, the end of a season of time, with the advent of winter upon us. Last year's crops wither and die and return to dust. However, when we look forward to the evergreen trees decorated in our homes, the sprig of acacia in our lodges, we are filled with the hope of renewal and rebirth. Holding to the philosophy that "even this too shall come to pass", celebrating with the ones we hold most dear, enjoying the good fellowship of family, friends, and brothers; showing a bit of good will and cheer to the stranger, the co-worker, and fellow traveler in need, who for this brief, wisp of time has occupied the same path as ourselves.

I would like to wish you all a joyous and blessed holiday season, and look forward to the continuance of good fellowship and brotherhood as we enter our new lodge and home, and continue to build our temple of Freemasonry to shine our beacon of light on the city of San Bernardino.

Fraternally,  
Jesse M. Maust  
Senior Warden

San Bernardino Lodge

# December 2012



Upcoming Events to Watch for:  
December 1st- Installation at New Lodge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  Installation of Officers at New Lodge Home Dinner at 5:00 pm Installation at 7:00 pm
2	3	4  De Molay at Scottish Rite Center	5	6  Stated Meeting 7:15 P.M.	7  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am	8
9	10	11	12	13  3rd Degree Return 7:15 P.M.	14 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. "Christmas" 7:30 pm at York Rite Temple	15  Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center
16	17	18  at Scottish Rite Center 6:30 P.M.- Dinner 7:30 P.M.- Christmas Show	19	20  DARK	21 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	22
23 30	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>  <i>New Year's Eve</i> 31	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26	27  DARK	28 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. "New Year" 7:30 pm at York Rite Temple	29