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*Past Master's
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April 21st

2nd Degree



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Youth Orders



JOB'S DAUGHTERS
BETHEL NO. 33

Sickness & Distress

Irv Uffer - is now in Virginia
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!

In Memorium

Bro. Roy Stephenson

Bro. Hue Covey, Bro. Robert E. Davis,

Bro. Bronislaw B. Pasterski, Bro. Jessie Starkley

Bro. Al Fletcher, Bro. Ronald C. Porter

Bro. Owen Manning, Bro. Arnold Schapiro

Into thy loving hands we commend the spirit of our departed
brothers. If you hear of someone passing on please let the



Gate City O.E.S. #212

May 5th Stated Meeting – May Day – 7:30pm

May 21st Line Party – 2:00pm

May 27th Stated Meeting – Memorial – 7:30pm

Friends are like flowers.....They brighten your day.

See you next month. –Sandy Ditto pm

Greetings from the East



April was a very productive month we had a dual 1st degree and a dinner to support then Job's Daughters of Bethel No. 33 on April 14th which was well attended. On April 21st we had Past Masters night where we celebrated those who served our Lodge and then they Passed Brother Tuck. If you haven't been to lodge in a while now is the time to come and see what is going on and also to reconnect with old friends and make some new ones in the process. We have brought back many programs and have begun some new ones as well.

May 19th will be Widows night, Wor. Tom Meyer has been working tirelessly to get ahold of as many Widows as possible. If you know of any Widows please contact Wor. Tom or myself so we can make sure they are personally invited to this event. It is our Duty and Honor as Masons to fulfill our Obligation to take care of our Widows; so please come out to this Special Dinner and assist us in Honoring and Celebrating these truly special members of the Masonic Family. As always if you want to come but don't have a ride please contact me and I will make sure all those who want to attend have a ride to and from lodge that evening.

In addition to all that June 16th we will be presenting a Hiram Award. The Hiram Award Committee chaired by Bro. Rick Stilt had spent hours considering many Brothers and I'm pleased to say that they finally narrowed it down to one truly worthy and humble Brother. This year we will present the Hiram Award to Wor. Tom Meyer who has served our lodge in many rolls throughout his Masonic career. Please join me this evening in Congratulating Wor. Tom.

We are still moving forward with the renovation of our new Lodge at 1380 East Highland Ave. and we are looking forward to the day when we can move in and finally call this new building Home. It's never to late to come back to lodge, as stated earlier their is a lot of things going on for all to enjoy. I look forward to seeing you all.

Eric L. Bordner
Master

Greetings from the West



Brothers, while reflecting this evening on our most recent 1st degree, I began to think about my personal knowledge of that which we are supposed to be teaching our candidates. Did I really know of the ancient honors that we speak of? The real importance of the lambskin apron? I know that it derives from the working apron of the ancient stonemasons, and that It is an Emblem of Innocence and the badge of a Mason, but it's value is even greater than I truly understood. I suspect that I am not alone, so I offer the following lesson.

Bro. Rick Stilt
Senior Warden

The lambskin apron is proudly compared with the noblest decorations of ancient Rome and of both ancient and modern Europe.

The Order of the **Golden Fleece** was of high repute as an Order of Knighthood. It was established in Flanders, France in 1429 by the Duke of Burgundy, a member of the then royal family, who selected the fleece for its badge because wool was the staple production of the country. Since that time, it has been considered as one of the most illustrious Orders of Europe.

The **Roman Eagle** was to Romans the ensign of imperial power. Made of silver or bronze, the Roman Eagle was placed atop the pole of the military standards (flags). (circa 104 B.C.)

The **Order of the Garter** was and is, still considered the highest decoration that can be bestowed upon a subject by a sovereign of Great Britain. It is an order of chivalry or knighthood originating in medieval England. It is the pinnacle of honor in the United Kingdom to have the Order of the Garter bestowed upon you.

(From Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1929, Volume I, The New Kentucky Monitor, arranged by Brother Henry Pirtle, 1918, for the Grand Lodge of that State)

The Master Mason Apron

"Lambskin or white leathern apron. It is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Mason: more ancient than the Golden Fleece or Roman Eagle, and when worthily worn, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any other Order that can be conferred upon you at this or any future period by king, prince, potentate, or any other person, except he be a Mason and within the Body of a just and legally constituted Lodge of such."

"It may be that, in the years to come, upon your head shall rest the laurel wreaths of victory; pendant from your breast may hang jewels fit to grace the diadem of an eastern potentate; yea, more than these:

...for with the coming light your ambitious feet may tread round after round the ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circle, and even the purple of our Fraternity may rest upon your honored shoulders;

...but never again by mortal hands, never again until your enfranchised spirit shall have passed upward and inward through the gates of pearl, shall any honor so distinguished, so emblematic of purity and all perfection, be bestowed upon you as this, which I now confer.

It is yours; yours to wear through an honorable life, and at your death to be placed upon the coffin which contains your earthly remains, and with them laid beneath the silent clods of the valley."

"Let its pure and spotless surface be to you an ever-present reminder of purity of life, of rectitude of conduct, a never-ending argument for higher thoughts, for nobler deeds, for greater achievements; and when at last your weary fee shall have reached the end of their toilsome journey,

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SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

May 10th – 5:30 P.M. – Building Board Meeting
– 6:30 P.M. – Executive Board Meeting
May 17th – 6:30 P.M. – Dinner Stated Meetings to follow Dinner

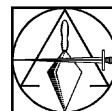
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Keystone Chapter No. 56, R.A.M.

May 4th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
May 4th – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation
May 24th – Grand Chapter – Bakersfield



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

May 4th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
May 11th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly
May 25th – Grand Council – Bakersfield



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

May 4th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
May 18th – 7:30 pm – Stated Conclave
May 23rd – Grand Commandery – Bakersfield

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.

Meeting Dates for 2011

JAN, 27, 2011	APR 28, 2011	JULY 28, 2011	OCT 27, 2011
FEB 24, 2011	MAY 26, 2011	AUG 25, 2011	NOV 17, 2011
MAR 24, 2011	JUN 23, 2011	SEPT 22, 2011	DEC 15, 2011

Building Board News

Greetings Brethren! I hope this update on the progress of our new lodge building finds you well. We had our Architectural Bid Walk on 3/25/11 with 5 bidders. We gave them about 2 weeks to come up with their most competitive bids and they were due on 4/7/11. Your building board team has diligently reviewed the bids we and have awarded the job! Unfortunately, we had previously underestimated the time it takes for an Architect to do the design work and our construction start date is being pushed out into the summer time. While the prices of the Architect's bids varied greatly, the time frame was pretty consistent. As we are all very anxious to get this renovation job completed and move into our new home, you can be rest assured that we will do whatever we can responsibly do to speed up the process.

As our new lodge is still in the state of being an abandoned bank, there are numerous built-in shelves, desks, & miscellaneous items that we will be getting rid of. These items are "up for grabs" if any brothers want them. Also, many of the brethren have not seen the new building and are interested in checking it out. For these 2 reasons, we will be holding an "open house" of sorts on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 9AM – Noon to allow the brethren to come see our new lodge building in its raw state as well as lay claim to any of the items you may be interested in. In the event, more than 1 brother is interested in an item, the names of the interested parties will be drawn from a hat to determine the winner.

While our Architect has been selected, we have not selected a General Contractor yet. If any brother would like to recommend a good GC, please forward their contact information over to me. And, while we cannot force a GC to hire specific Sub-Contractors, we can strongly suggest them. So, if any brother would like to recommend a good Sub-Contractor in a specialized field, please forward their contact information over to me as well.

Faternally,
Bro. Evan Thompson
President
Building Board
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East Side of Lodge

What Do I Do with my Husband's/Father's Masonic Items After He is Gone?

This is one of the most frequently questions we get from Masonic widows and heirs of our deceased brothers. As all of us know, being a Mason is a way of life. It is not unusual for most of us to join more than one Masonic organization during our life. Many of us belong to one or more lodges, as well as the Scottish Rite, York Rite and the Shrine. Those of us who belong to the York Rite can also belong to a host of smaller Masonic Bodies that being a Royal Arch Mason is a requisite for membership.

The bottom line is that we can accumulate a lot of Masonic aprons, jewels, regalia, uniforms and swords. We can also amass a large collection of Masonic Books and literature. Those of us who become Masonic collectors can accumulate a house full of antiques and collectibles. A 400 year old fraternity can amass a lot of interesting items.

If you are a widow or heir of a Mason and you find you have Masonic items you don't know what to do with, please remember one most important thing: The fraternity does not want these items to end up in garage sales, estate sales, or antique shops. These items are still considered fraternal property and should continue to benefit those who are members of our fraternity in some way, even after we pass on.

If you would like assistance in this area, please contact any Lodge Officer, or email us at sbmasonlodge178@yahoo.com. We have the resources and connections to direct that your husband's, father's or grandfather's Masonic items will be given to the proper organization, museum or place. We can also help you properly dispose of Masonic items that are worn out to be of more use or value.

(continued from the West)

...and from your nerveless grasp forever drop the working tools of a busy life, may the record of your life and conduct be as pure and spotless as this fair emblem which I place within your hands tonight;

...and when your trembling soul shall stand naked and alone before the great white throne, there to receive judgment for the deeds done while here in the body, may it be your portion to hear from Him who sitteth as Judge Supreme these welcome words:

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

"I charge you-take it, wear it with pleasure to yourself and honor to the Fraternity."

(From Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry, 1929, Volume I)

Innocence of Conduct and Purity of Heart

The Master Mason apron teaches the aspiring Mason that none are admitted to that honor but such as were cleansed of all impurities of both body and mind.

Purity of life and rectitude of conduct is essential and necessary to gain admittance into that Celestial Lodge on High where the Supreme Architect of the Universe forever presides.



San Bernardino Lodge

May 2011

Upcoming Events to Watch for:

May 19th – Widow's Night

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5  Stated Meeting 6:30 P.M.	6  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am	7  Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center
8  Mother's Day	9	10  De Molay at Scottish Rite Center	11	12  Degree or Practice 7:15 P.M.	13 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. May Day 7:30 pm	14
15	16	17  at Scottish Rite Center 6:30 pm - Stated Meeting Dinner to follow meeting	18	19  Widow's Night 7:15 P.M.	20 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	21 Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center <hr/> National Sojourners Fort Nolan <hr/> Gate City O.E.S. Line Party - 2:00 pm
22	23  D.O.A. at Fontana 2 nd Degree, 1 st Section 6:30 P.M.	24	25	26  Degree or Practice 7:15 P.M.	27 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. Stated Meeting Memorial - 7:30 pm	28
29	30  Memorial Day	31				