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(Message From The East Con't.)

Our youth groups are also thriving the Job's Daughters had their annual Fireworks both on the corner of Highland and G st and its my understanding that they were able to raise a fair amount of money to help supper their Bethel activities. The DeMolay's are also getting activities up and running and are looking for more young men to join. They are a welcoming bunch of young men and look forward to meeting new friends.

As we head to the final stretch of 2011, I look forward to seeing everyone around the lodge especially as we start to finalize the plans for our new building located at 1380 E. Highland Ave. Please let me know if you have any needs or questions.

Fraternally
Eric L. Bordner
Worshipful Master



Gate City O.E.S. #212

August 12	Dark
August 13	Salad Luncheon & Fashion Show 11:30 am Valencia Lea Mobile Home Park – Cost \$10.00
August 26	Officer Dinner 6:00pm
Sept. 9	Members Night, Dinner 6:00pm Cost: \$5.00

Friendship is precious, not only in the shade, but in the sunshine of life and thanks to a benevolent arrangement of things, the greater part of life is sunshine.
– Thomas Jefferson

Greetings from the East



Brethren as has been the case this whole year thus far we have been extremely busy and July was no exception. At our Stated Meeting on July 7th, we elected and installed Bro. Jesse Maust as our Junior Warden. Some many not know but we had a vacancy that occurred shortly before the Officers for 2011 we due to be installed; graciously Wor. Sean Brannon stepped up to the plate to fill in as our interim Junior Warden until such time as Jesse was able to prove proficiency. I would like to formally thank Wor. Sean Brannon for his service as Junior Warden as well as his willingness to continue to serve his lodge in any capacity to which he is called.

We had yet another 1st Degree and all of our new Entered Apprentices' are well on their way to becoming Master Masons. With all these new young Masons I see nothing but success for our lodge in the future. They not only have a desire to learn about the craft but a love for it as well. It is truly a pleasure to see these Masons grow and develop in their masonic careers.

We have also been preparing for our annual trip to Flagstaff Lodge in Arizona. This annual trip is open to any Brother who wishes to attend. We will have several car pools running so if you would like to go please let me know and I will be sure to get you a seat in one of the cars going. For those of you who have never seen a degree put on by another state this is something you must see! Not only will we both be conferring 3rd Degrees but we will also be doing it out doors in a park off the beaten path. As any Brother who was raised at this annual retreat and they will tell you it was an experience they will never forget and treasure for ever. We will leave Friday August 26th and we will return Sunday the August 28th.

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Greetings from the West



Rough and Perfect Ashlar

A rough and perfect ashlar are stones which symbolize Man's moral and spiritual life.

Cutting stone to uniform shapes and sizes requires the skill and experience of a true craftsman with many years of experience.

This is why, historically, only large edifices (buildings) were made of ashlars (rather than brick or wood), due to the necessity (and difficulty) of assembling the many skilled craftsman needed to complete the many subsets of knowledge such as how to build a stone archway, how to lay foundation stone, and how to lay stone, one atop another to great heights...not to mention the artisans who sculpted the stones into ornamental shapes.

In days of old, apprentice masons cut and raised the Rough Ashlars from the stone quarry under the supervision of more experienced craftsman, called Fellowcrafts.

The work was accomplished under the watchful eye of the Master masons of the craft...those who had proved their ability to make their Master's piece to the satisfaction of their superiors.

In Freemasonry, there are 2 forms of ashlars.

Rough Ashlar

In operative Freemasonry, the rough ashlar represents a rough, unprepared or undressed stone. In speculative Freemasonry, a rough ashlar is an allegory to the uninitiated Freemason prior to his discovering enlightenment.

Perfect Ashlar

Operatively, the Perfect ashlar represents the dressed stone (after it has been made uniform and smoothed) by use of the working tools, the common gavel, (mallet) and chisel. (The chisel may be found in English Freemasonry, but is not used in the United States as a Freemason symbol.)

Only after the stone has been dressed by an experienced stonemason, can it be suitable to be placed into the architectural structure or building.

Speculatively, a Perfect Ashlar is an allegory to a Freemason who, through Masonic education, works to achieve an upstanding life and diligently strives to obtain enlightenment.

Rough and Perfect Ashlars

In the Fellowcraft Degree, we see the use of the Rough and Perfect Ashlars. The lesson to be learned is that by means of education and the acquirement of knowledge, a man improves the state of his spiritual and moral being.

Like man, each Rough Ashlar begins as an imperfect stone. With education, cultivation and brotherly love, man is shaped into a being which has been tried by the square of virtue and encircled by the compasses of his boundaries, given to us by our Creator.

Rough and Perfect Ashlar: Fitted For The Builder's Use

In ancient times, quarried stone which could be easily shaped into desired configurations, was called "freestone". Typical freestones are limestone and sandstone. Then, as now, only after refining and

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SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

August 16th – 6:30 P.M.– Dinner (*Ticket Reservation required*)

Unity Reception & Program

– 8:00 P.M.– Stated Meetings – AASR in Auditorium, SBSR

Women's Association in Board Room

YORK RITE BODIES SAN BERNARDINO

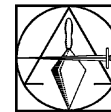
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Keystone Chapter No. 56, R.A.M.

August 3rd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting

August 3rd – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

August 3rd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting

August 10th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly

August 20th – Super Excellent Degree in Pasadena



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

August 3rd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting

August 17th – 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.

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



From the Secretary Desk

July has now come and gone, and summer is now fully upon us. What does that mean? Other than the fact that we are now in 100+ degree weather. It means that our annual 3rd degree with Flagstaff is right around the corner. If you are planning on going with us to Flagstaff this year. Please let the master know so we can communicate accurately how many of us are traveling up there. They always treat us like Kings when we visit, and have a terrific dinner set up, but they do need to know how many to expect. If you have never been with us, you are missing out, and I would highly recommend going if you can!

Fraternally,

Bro Thad Coffing, PM

In Memorium

Bro. Mike Betchart

Bro. Louis Mercuri, Bro. Roy Stephenson

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

Bro. Bronislaw B. Pasterski, Bro. Jessie Starkley

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.

(Continued From the West)

smoothing these rough stones into their desired shape, were the stonemasons able to "fit them for the builder's use".

In the Fellowcraft degree, the Rough Ashlar represents a man's unrefined state and his need for improvement. He learns that the goal of being a better man includes spirituality of thought and striving for perfection of conduct. Via duties, expectations and obligations, he is charged to work toward these goals of self improvement.

As the Freemason "smoothes" his rough edges, internally and externally; he becomes a better man and, therefore, a better Freemason.

Once a man has perfected his ashlar to the best of his ability,... as Brothers to all mankind, it is his duty to help others become better men and better Freemasons.

Rough and Perfect Ashlar - The Potential For Change

All rough ashlar must have within them the potential to be made into a perfect ashlar.

The stone must be made of sound material and have a minimum of character flaws which may cause it to weaken the edifice (building). It must be capable of being worked into a perfect stone. This is why candidates for the degrees are asked many questions as to their qualifications and character about why they wish to become Freemasons.

The candidate must have the potential to both serve and support the Fraternity. He must be carefully inspected, just as each Rough Ashlar is inspected for quality in order to be able to "fit" him into Freemasonry's tenets and goals, which are compatible to God's laws.

An imperfect stone may be made perfect, however major flaws are difficult to overcome and when assembled into a structure, the entire structure can be weakened from its improper use. This is as true of men as it is of stones.

Rough and Perfect Ashlar - States of Metamorphose

Freemasonry has a glorious history. Flawed ashlar can bring negative feelings and reproach upon the Fraternity from non-Freemasons in the outside world and therefore, can have no place within its walls.

...That said...let us not forget that perfect ashlar are not found lying about the stone quarry without benefit of their having been hammered, chiseled and polished into such a state of being.

It also holds true that "perfect" men are also such an anomaly without the benefit of brotherly love, guidance and light. There are very few Freemasons who have not been in both the rough and perfect ashlar state-of-being at some point in their lives.

Freemason Duties For the Future of the Craft

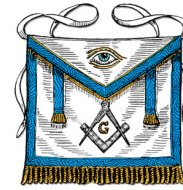
1. Freemasons must give serious consideration to our personal responsibility to educate other Brothers toward their self improvement.

Like the Good Samaritan in the Holy Books; it is in the giving and assistance to others in which you will find the true "jewels" of enlightenment. True Master Masons not only exemplify the tenets of the craft, but they teach what they learn.

2. Lodges should carefully judge the potential of each candidate, weighing both their character and their potential for change.


San Bernardino Lodge

August 2011



Upcoming Events to Watch for:

August 26th – Flagstaff Visitation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4  Stated Meeting 6:30 P.M.	5  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC- 11:30 am	6  Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center
7	8	9  De Molay at Scottish Rite Center	10	11  Degree or Practice 7:15 P.M.	12 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. Dark	13  Gate City O.E.S. Salad Luncheon & Fashion Show 11:30 Valencia Lea Mobile Home Park
14	15	16  at Scottish Rite Center 6:30 pm - Dinner Unity Night Scottish & York Rites	17	18  Degree or Pactice 7:15 P.M.	19 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>	20  Job's Daughters at Scottish Rite Center <hr/> National Sojourners Fort Nolan
21	22	23	24	25  Degree or Pactice 7:15 P.M.	26 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City O.E.S. Officers Dinner 6:00 P.M.	27
28	29	30	31			