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## SAN BERNARDINO LODGE NO. 178

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

May 8th – 7:30 P.M. – Line Night “LightHouse”  
Line Officers of Gate City will be recognized.  
May 9th – 9:00 A.M. – Practice for Official Visit  
May 16th – 7:30 P.M. – Official Visit of The WGM Barbara Scott, and  
WGP J.D. Hammett  
May 22nd – 7:30 P.M. – Memorial-Exchange Night with Tri-Star

Friendship is a seed planted during a chance first meeting that grows into a flower when it's watered with love. Thank you friends for tending our garden of friendship.

See you next month.

Sandy Ditto, PM

### YORK RITE BODIES SAN BERNARDINO

2888 N. Arrowhead Ave. - San Bernardino, CA 92405 - (909)883-2615



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

May 6th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting  
May 6th – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation



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

May 6th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting  
May 13th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly



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

May 6th – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting.  
May 20th – 7:30 pm – Stated Conclave



## FROM THE EAST

Greetings from the East. One of the themes I am following this year with my officers is that of maintaining and respecting what we have. This extends from calling our newly entered apprentices and paying special care to their mentoring, to spending time with each of our officers so that they may benefit from their experiences in a more personal way. In marketing, many companies clamor for new clients but forget to pay attention to their existing customers. They usually find that their problem is not the number of clients they believe they need but they have not begun to tap the potential of the relationships they already have. If it costs 6 hours to obtain each new client but only takes 30 minutes to keep a loyal one, which is the wiser path? ATT and other companies repeat this mistake frequently while companies like Starbucks and Verizon continue to care for their customers and let word of mouth do the rest (this is not an endorsement, just facts). Like many other Americans were are taught to be unsatisfied with what we have, to always want more and to at times over extend ourselves for the sake of having new possessions and being generally dissatisfied with life. Women are taught that their bodies aren't the right shape, men are taught that they should never be satisfied with honorable work and a suitable house, car, etc., etc.. For instance, when you look at the Post Office down the street and see that the clerks wear shiny name tags but the building is worn and the flag outside is shredded by the wind and ignored, what does that tell you about the priorities of the persons who work there? They are clearly more concerned with their personal appearances than with their public display of patriotism and the public's impression of their organization. We

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are taught to always want more, but caring for what we have can sometimes be more helpful than one would at first believe. Becoming an expert at just a few things makes a person proud and teaches them perseverance and other important skills. If a person is a “Jack of all trades” then he knows many things but only in a shallow familiarity. Likewise in Masonry, I believe we need to know and understand the many facets of our ritual, customs and traditions before we can truly understand ourselves and the importance of our Fraternity. Today, as in all times before us, this becomes ever more important to remember. When we care for our core values, such as integrity, good will towards our fellow creatures and other naturally positive traits, the fruit of those labors multiply a hundredfold and eventually return to us. As we enter mid Spring and perform our individual “Spring Cleaning” of ourselves and our households, remember to cultivate those things we want to grow and remove the weeds from the garden which prevent us from obtaining the fruits of our labors. Our numbers are slowly growing with care, and we hope to see you all at stated meeting and our degrees which are happening quite frequently. Thank you to all the members who have been attending our degrees and filling in when brothers are ill or have to work, we appreciate the help and the continued fellowship. Please come visit us soon.

Sincerely & Fraternally:  
Sean Brannon,  
Worshipful Master

**The Child ID Program continues to need  
your/our support!!**

April 26th Safety Fair in Covina

Please contact Russ Davis at (909) 883-4552 for times and places.

**Sickness & Distress**

Irv Uffer - 7534 Palm Avenue, Highland  
Hue Covey - Waterman convalescent  
Roy Stephenson is now at Home  
Please visit these brothers if you can.

Prayers work!!! Just ask someone who has come back from a serious illness!

**In Memorium**

*Bro. Howard Paseley, Bro. William J. Abrams, Bro. Shelby R. Adams,  
Bro. Neil Baker, Bro. Richard C. Groves, Bro. Joseph Joiner, Bro. Jack Joley, Bro. Charles  
E. McBride, Bro. Norman Strohte, Bro. John M. Tinney,  
Bro. Cameron Warmboe, Bro. Jack Widmeyer,*

Into thy loving hands we commend the spirit of our departed brother. If you hear of someone passing on please let the Secretary know, so that he can send a card to the family.



**SCOTTISH RITE BODIES  
VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO**

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

May 12th      – 6:30 P.M. – Executive Board Meeting

May 19th      – 5:30 P.M. – Stated Meeting  
                    – 5:30 P.M. – Women’s Association Meeting  
                    – 6:15 P.M. – Dinner – Past Venerable Master’s Night

event, or happening is going on and take the attitude that if something is going to slowly vanish into the history books it's because the membership validated the theory my bother, and stopped working toward a goal of making things happen. I am in it for the long run and if all else fails then I will be the last one turning off the lights, and locking the door, (And then returning next week to see if another brother comes to open lodge). It's funny that if you look at a story with a negative outcome it may become negative, but if you keep a positive outlook, who knows, that brother who has not been to lodge in a while for some unknown reason, might show up right at that perfect moment. Lets try not to let our secretary down, he doesn't seem like the type who can handle bad news. If anything lets prove him wrong with his nay saying attitude and make this a fantastic Masonic year. In fact I think we should start the trend where the state of California will look to our lodge and say "What are you guys doing?" (In a good way) to make the fraternity thrive. Our first steps are being taken, with a network of Masons communicating, now it's time to make things happen. We will make this happen because we have active members who are always ready to pitch in, brothers who are willing to take things on, even though they have done it a million times, with persistence. No matter how hard you try sometimes thing are not going to go the way you plan them. So What. Go back and look at all those Masons that went broke because they were members of the revolution. Keep up the good work, hang onto to those hard workers and recognize these people for doing those things that make sure to keep people coming back. What have you got to say to that, I say that we are headed in a good direction.

Wor. Robert Jacka, P.M.  
Secretary



### *From the Secretary*

What a great Month April was, we had an entire month of nothing but degree work. I have talked with Brothers who read the trestleboard but that are not able to make it to the lodge and they are excited by the prospect that we have a full slate of activity going on. Our Officers, aside from that Pesky Secretary have been doing a spectacular job. Most of our officers at present have been doing this only a short time, and by my calculations, in lodge the average age of the members was somewhere in the 40's, of course having the officers coach, the treasurer and Wor. Joe Bartleson there made our average just a little higher. Fortunately the new brothers coming in brought the average right back down. Some are asking about the Per Capita and the explanation of this is that the Grand Lodge operates with about \$31 per member from the Lodge so that in July we have to send \$12,000 so that the Grand Lodge can operate. In the Grand lodge magazine at some point usually after the installation of Officers they post what the expenses are but if you are truly interested then I suggest you go to the Grand Lodge web site. For our lodge, we voted to include the per capita, so that half of what we take in as dues did not go to pay the per captia. However, the lodge recognizes the financial difficulties presented and we have concluded that paying your dues and maintaining your lodge membership is not contingent on having to make the extra payment. So far this has been working well. Well come Spring and if you find yourself surfing the web, make sure to look for a bunch of our members. They are communicating with other lodges in the area to try and make some activities happen. Maybe the secretary should if he would just get off his duff, (what exactly is a duff) and have a hamburger fry here, or an ice cream social or pie eating contest, (hmmmm Pie) that's a thought, too bad there aren't a lot of bakers out there any more who would love to bake a pie and then have the secretary judge the quality of the pie. At any rate I digress, the main focus of the lodge is membership, but what do we do now that they are members are we going to hold fast to the idea that it will simply keep a member coming back to sit and watch a degree now and then, maybe, got to make the Lodge the center of


















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# San Bernardino Lodge MAY 2009



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC-11:30 am	2  Job's Daughters, 11:00 am At Scottish Rite Center
3	4	5	6  De Molay 7:00 pm At Scottish Rite Center	7  Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	8 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City OES 7:30 pm Line Night "LightHouse"	9  Gate City OES 9:00 am - Practice for Of- ficial Visit May 16th at 7:30 pm
10  <i>Mother's Day</i>	11	12  At Scottish Rite 6:30 pm - Executive Board Meeting	13	14  Practice 7:15 pm	15 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  National Sojourners	16  Job's Daughters, 11:00 am At Scottish Rite Center <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
17	18	19  At Scottish Rite 5:30 pm - Stated Meeting 6:15 pm - Dinner	20  De Molay 7:00 pm At Scottish Rite Center	21  Possible Degree 7:15 pm	22 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City OES 7:30 Memorial-Exchange Night with Tri-Star	23
24  31	25  <i>Memorial Day Observance</i>	26  DOA 2nd Degree, 1st Section at Inland Empire 6:30 pm	27	28  Possible Degree 7:15 pm	29	30  <i>Traditional Memorial Day</i>