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 Director # 5.....Rick Harlan
 Director # 6.....Robert Jacka
 Director # 7.....Brian Foote
 Director # 8.....Tom Meyer
 Director # 9.....Sean Brannon
 ex-officio.....Rick Stilt

San Bernardino Hi 12 Club No. 430

Good Food! Fellowship



*Meets Friday Noon
 For all Masons, their Spouses, their Widows and Friends*

*Good Fellowship
 Arrowhead CC Parkside Drive.*

In Memory of Two Worthy Brothers:

Bro. Burt Cullop &

Wor. Bill Hawkes

from a Friend & Brother Mason

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**ORDER OF DE MOLAY
CHAPTER NO. 864**



**JOB'S DAUGHTERS
BETHEL NO. 33**



Gate City O.E.S. #212

February 8th – Stated Meeting – Valentine’s Day – 7:30 pm
February 18th – Date Festival – Indio – 8 am - ???
February 22nd – Stated Meeting – Mardi-Gras – 7:30 pm

Do not spill the golden hours
Waste them not away.
Time is brief for growing flowers,
Pick them while you may.
Do not waste the treasured minutes
When the sun is high.
There is joy to have within it
If you only try.
Take a little time for smiling;
Weep, too if you must.
With the treasures you’re compiling,
Add a little trust!
Storing well our golden treasure
Is a simple art;
Come the day we only measure
What is in the heart.

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.

February 6th – 6:30 pm – Building Board Meeting.
February 6th – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

February 6th – 6:30 pm – Building Board Meeting.
February 13th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly



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

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



FROM THE EAST

Brethren, I am glad to see regular attendance at our recent Stated Meetings, as well as some familiar faces after a brief hiatus. Stated Meeting this month will be on the 7th. Note that the lodge will be dark on the 14th for Valentine’s Day. Practices are scheduled for the 21st and 28th.

For those of you that have already paid your ’08 dues, thank you and you need not read any further. It has come to my attention that there are questions concerning the dues for 2008. If you recall, last year the lodge approved a change to the dues structure. We now collect the Per Capita fee (on behalf of Grand Lodge) plus the amount to cover the lodge’s operating expenses. The lodge forwards the mandatory Per Capita fee to the Grand Lodge, and that is not optional. We do not get to keep the Per Capita fee for the lodge’s use to cover our operating expenses. The total amount that you have on the dues statement is what we are required to collect. If there is a financial hardship situation or other extenuating circumstances that we should be aware of, then the Secretary must be notified and we will follow the appropriate procedures for resolving the problem with your dues.

The line has an available chair for a Junior Steward, any Master Mason is eligible. All that is required is a desire to participate and the ability to attend on Thursday evenings for meetings, practices, and degrees. Contact the Master for further info. You get out of Masonry only what you put into it, and it will be well worth your while.

Fraternally,
Wor. Brian Foote, P.M.

THAT "GENTLE CRAFT"

By Elliott Saxton, MPS

It first struck me as odd, the term 'gentle craft'. The term seems to evoke something effeminate, completely separate from that masculine metaphor of laying stones to erect buildings. Instead of freemasonry, it brings to mind something quite dainty and frilly, combined with the word craft it seems to imply needlework, or quilt making. I've heard it supposed that it implies that our fraternity is well meaning, inviting and gracious. Previously, I supposed that 'the gentle craft' referred to speculative masonry as opposed to operative masonry. However, it seems that time has shifted the meaning of this term towards it's understanding to modern listeners.

There is a quote of some interest to this topic in Howard Pyles', The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood. "Beside him, on the arm of his great chair, roosted his favorite falcon, for the Prior was fond of the gentle art of hawking." I would propose that there is little gentle about hawking, if one considers the word gentle to mean tender, kind or mild. Hawking involves the use of hawks to hunt down and kill the prey of humans.

Hawking does, however, illustrate my point. It is said that Charlemagne believed all gentlemen should be trained in falconry (for the most part synonymous with hawking). Here, perhaps you can see what we are getting at. Gentle comes to us from the old French, gentil meaning "high-born, noble" and from the Latin gentilis, "of the same family or clan". From this etymology we receive the older understanding of gentleman, that of well-born man. Now, we understand how hawking or falconry may be considered a gentle craft. It was the gentlemen who were our first speculative masons and throughout our early history, our craft was composed mainly of gentlemen.

Interestingly, freemasonry is sometimes referred to as the royal art. One need not consider this a reference only to the royal arch degrees. When compared to 'the gentle craft', 'the royal art', can be understood as a synonymous term.

So we must endeavor to keep and hold our gentle craft to the highest of standards. Even though most of us were not born into families with unlimited means, we must keep freemasonry a noble fraternity. When viewed this in context, just as our early craft was composed mainly of the noble few, our fraternity gains little benefit from numbers only, but has everything to gain with regard to quality and the preserving of our traditional observances.

From the Philalethes, October 2007

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

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

Sickness & Distress

Irv Huffer - 7534 Palm Avenue, Highland
Hue Covey - Waterman convalescent
Please visit these brothers if you can.

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

In Memorium

*Wor. Cecil Moore, P.M., Bro. Jack Hudson
Bro. Earl Timko, Bro. Frank Curtis, Bro. Keith Larson
Bro. James "Tiger" Lawson, Bro. Lovett Skinner*

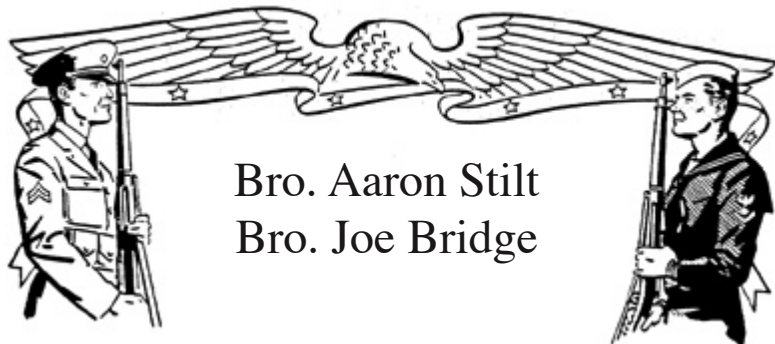
Into thy loving hands we commend the spirit of our departed brothers. If you hear of someone passing on please let the Secretary know, so that he can send a card to the family.



SCOTTISH RITE BODIES VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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

February 19th – 5:30 P.M. Stated Meeting Election of Officers
 – 5:30 P.M. Women's Association Meeting
 – 6:15 P.M. Dinner
 – 7:30 P.M. Sweetheart Show



Bro. Aaron Stilt
Bro. Joe Bridge

These Brothers are serving somewhere in our military.
We wish them a safe and happy new year.

UNIFORM HUMOR

A US Air Force C-141 is scheduled to leave Thule Air Base, Greenland at midnight. During the pilot's preflight check, he discovers that the latrine holding tank is still full from the last flight. So a message is sent to the base and an airman who was off duty is called out to take care of it.

The young man finally gets to the air base and makes his way to the aircraft, only to find that the latrine pump truck had been left outdoors and is frozen solid, so he must find another one in the hangar, which takes even more time. He returns to the aircraft and is less than enthusiastic about what he has to do. Nevertheless, he goes about the pumping job deliberately and carefully (and slowly) so as to not risk criticism later. As he's leaving the plane, the pilot stops him and says, "Son, your attitude and performance has caused this flight to be late and I'm going to personally see to it that you are not just reprimanded but punished."

Shivering in the cold, his task finished, he takes a deep breath, stands up tall and says, "Sir, with all due respect, I'm not your son; I'm an Airman in the United States Air Force. I've been in Thule, Greenland for 11 months without any leave, and reindeer are beginning to look pretty good to me. I have one stripe; it's two-thirty in the morning; the temperature is 40 degrees below zero, and my job here is to pump s**t out of an aircraft. Now just exactly what form of punishment did you have in mind?"

During training exercises, the lieutenant who was driving down a muddy back road encountered another car stuck in the mud with a red-faced colonel at the wheel. "Your jeep stuck, sir?" asked the lieutenant as he pulled alongside. "Nope," replied the colonel, coming over and handing him the keys, "yours is."



From the Secretary

Dear Brethren

I would like to thank everyone for getting their dues in on a timely fashion, I am in the process of getting everything written and recorded. We had to raise our dues, because we were not operating in the black, as each year the cost and expenses even for just the necessary expenditures, such as Trestle board, Postage, Rent etc. have all increased and our dues had stayed the same for the last few years.

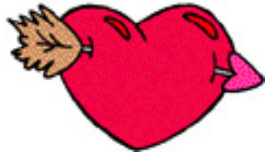
Additionally the reason why we included the Per Capita as part of our dues, was the overwhelming fact that we as a lodge pay Per Capita for each regular member of our lodge to the Grand Lodge. This year it was going up to \$29 dollars per member, next year it will be going up to \$31, it seems that very soon we will be paying as much in Per Capita as we do in Membership dues. If we do not pay the Per Capita, Grand Lodge would withdraw our Charter or withhold what ever votes we have in the Grand Lodge. Any member who is unable to pay is never penalized, due to financial hardship, and as such either may request a Demit, where the member withdraws in good standing, or a remit where the members dues are remitted for financial hardship.

If you simply do not pay we as a lodge have no other alternative but to suspend the member. Hopefully this increase will allow us to maintain the monies which we have in security if we determine at some point to re-build a lodge of our own. At this time the York Rite is providing us with an ample resource, which accommodates the majority of our needs. We are hoping that with these things in place we can start to increase our membership and provide more activities for our lodge and families, such as fish fries, hamburger or ice cream socials. It would be nice to see some kind of entertainment, on a night where we could meet socially on the level.

If you are able to pay your dues with the Per Capita, the lodge will benefit greatly from your effort, if it provides you with financial burden that seems to be beyond what you can pay and the dues are the only portion, then a simple note inside should explain. And always if the circumstances provided are financially impossible the lodge is not going to suspend someone who has been a worthy brother, because of a financial need.

I hope everyone has a fantastic year, and that the lodge becomes a focal point for you sometime during our meetings and activities. We still have great dinners before hand and we have a really great corp of officers who are directing our ritual work.

Fraternally
Robert Jacka



San Bernardino Lodge

FEBRUARY 2008



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	7  Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Hi-Twelve  Gate City OES - 7:30pm Stated Meeting	9
10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13  De Molay 7:00 pm At Scottish Rite Center	14  Lodge Dark Valentine's Day	15 Hi-Twelve National Sojourners @ Gourmet 6:00 pm	16  Job's Daughters, 11:00 am At Scottish Rite Center
17	18 Presidents' Day	19  Scottish Rite Stated Meeting - 5:30pm 6:15pm Dinner 7:30 pm Sweetheart Show	20	21  Practice 7:15 pm	22 Hi-Twelve  Gate City OES - 7:30 pm Marti Gras Washington's Birthday	23
24	25	26	27  De Molay 7:00 pm At Scottish Rite Center	28  Practice 7:15 pm	29	