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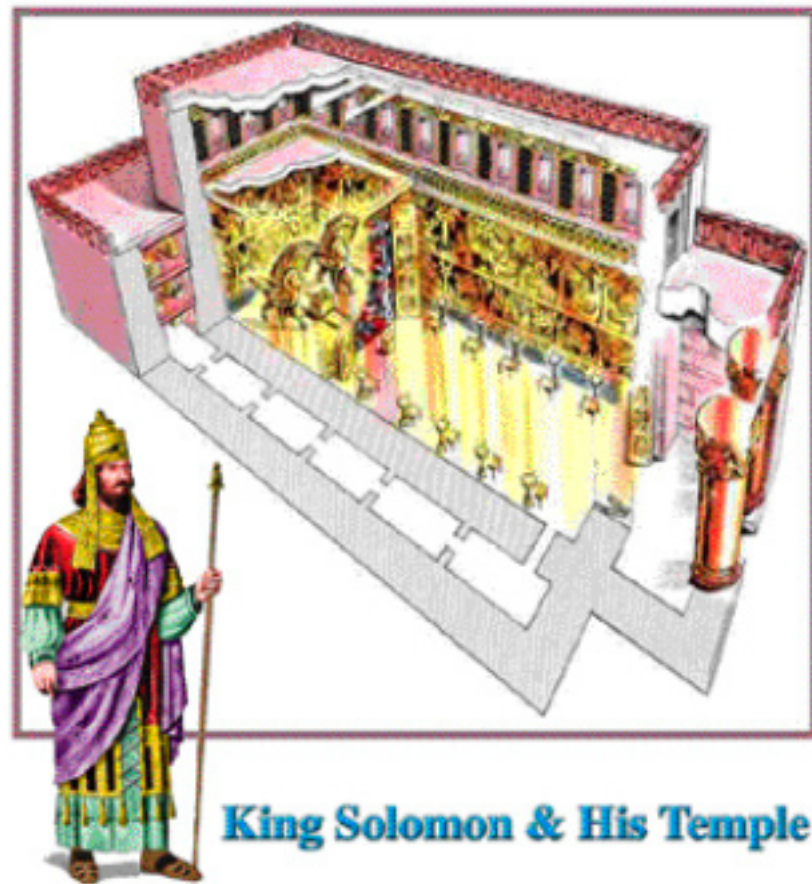
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San Bernardino Hi 12 Club No. 430  
 Good Food! Good Fellowship  
 Meets Friday Noon Arrowhead CC Parkside Drive.  
 For all Masons, their Spouses, their Widows and Friends

In Memory of Two Worthy Brothers:

Bro. Burt Cullop &

Wor. Bill Hawkes

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### Youth Orders



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



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



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

March 14th – 6:00 pm – St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
Marjory Acreman – Chairman  
7:30 pm – Stated Meeting

March 28th – 7:30 pm – Stated Meeting – Easter

March 31st – Official Visit of Grand Matron Collette Gole &  
Grand Patron Jim Whiteley

Hope that everyone has a very enjoyable Easter. 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.

March 5th – 6:30 pm – Building Board Meeting.  
March 5th – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation  
March 8th – 8:30 am – Conferral of Chapter Degrees



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

March 5th – 6:30 pm – Building Board Meeting.  
March 12th – 7:00 pm – Conferral of Cryptic Degrees



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

March 5th – 6:30 pm – Building Board Meeting.  
March 19th – 7:30 pm – Stated Conclave  
March 29th – 9:00 am – Conferral of Commandery Orders



## FROM THE EAST

Brethren, our Child I.D. program will be very active in the next few months, and I would encourage everyone who has a couple hours to spare to help out and take the opportunity to spread the word about Masonry. We frequently have prospective members inquire about our organization at these events. On

**Saturday, March 1st**, from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, the U.S. Coast Guard will be hosting a **Boating Safety Expo** at the **Point Vicente Lighthouse** in Rancho Palos Verdes, and Child I.D. will be deployed for that event. There will be all sorts of displays, including 2 static displays of real USCG boats and 1 or more helicopters, not to mention the breathtaking ocean views from the peninsula. This is a great event for the whole family to enjoy! Bring your camera and plan on staying for a few hours. Contact Bro. Russ Davis or Bro. Thad Coffing for further information or directions to Point Vicente in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Then at the end of the month, on **March 29th** is the annual **Highland Citrus Festival**. Child I.D. will be deployed for that event as well, however, assistance is absolutely necessary as it is too much work for one or two persons to handle alone. If for some reason the festival is postponed and not held on the 29th, because of inclement weather (such as rain), then the festival will be held the following week on April 5th as the alternate. You get out of Masonry only what you put into it, and it will be well worth your while. Contact Bro. Russ Davis or Bro. Thad Coffing for further information or directions to the Child I.D. booth.

Future events for Child I.D. will be May 25th at the City of Rialto Corporate Yard, and the annual Route 66 Rendezvous in September. Please mark your calendars and let Russ know as soon as you can that you will be helping out for a couple hours. Contact Bro. Russ Davis or Bro. Thad Coffing for further information.

GM Richard Hopper has announced a statewide ritual competition for Master Masons to exemplify the 1st degree (not including the lecture). I would like to take a crack at it, and I know that we can put together a team that can perform the degree to a very high level of proficiency. Required participants from our lodge are the WM, SW, JW, and SD, all other stations may be substitutes. I will volunteer to be the Team Leader and sit in the east. As you all are probably aware, I think that this is the best degree that we deliver. The initial competition within the District will be in April. An additional competition will be in May for our Division. The final statewide competition will be conducted on Saturday, June 28th, in Southern California and the competition will be decided by the Grand Master. I KNOW THAT WE CAN WIN THIS !!!

*Fraternally, Wor. Brian Foote, P.M.*

## **Masonic Education: The Meaning of the Square**

We are more fortunate in Freemasonry because we possess a body of ritualistic work which defines many of our symbols in at least one way. This allows us to look at our symbols in two distinct ways, the first being in the way our teachings say and secondly at the common meaning given to the same symbol by the man in the street. The similarity is usually very close but the range of meanings in the outside world is frequently much broader.

ï When a new mason asks the question about symbols, “What is that?”, or “What does that mean?”, do we tend to back off?

ï Do we have the feeling that these are ‘old’ symbols that really have no meaning in our modern world?

If this is the case, then we are in very serious trouble within our Lodges because the Charge at our installations very clearly states that “...it inculcates principles of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols.” We are also told in the same breath that to penetrate through the veil of the allegories and symbols is to understand the mysteries.

While there is a far deeper meaning in the overall pattern of the craft, it is of great value to find some meanings of the individual symbols and to attempt to recall that meaning on each occasion that we see them. This creates the ‘repetition’ form of learning that begins to modify our life style to become that “better man” we all strive for. But one of the problems with the human mind is that it tends to ignore items which it registers frequently. So it is, with the jewels worn by the officers of our Lodges.

How many of you have looked closely at your officer’s jewels? First, they are quite detailed. Second, they frequently have things on them that you were totally unaware of. There are different companies producing jewels and each may embellish the jewels differently, but you can be sure that there is meaning behind practically every identifiable whirl and loop.

What one symbol is most typical of Freemasonry as a whole? Mason and non-Mason alike, nine times out of ten, will answer, “The Square!” Many learned writers on Freemasonry have nominated the square as the most important and vital, most typical and common symbol of the ancient Craft. Masonically the word “square” has the same three meanings given by the world:

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

March 1st – 10:00 am to 3:00 pm – Boating Safety Expo, Pt. Vicente Lighthouse  
March 29th – Highland Citrus Festival

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

March 17th      – 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. Munday Thursday Program



## *From the Secretary*

I am finally at the end of the mailing for our dues cards, sorry if it seemed like it took a long time, but with the late mailing and then trying to send out a letter about the new dues format. I hope the letter made it clear as to what and why? as you can see we have set expenditures and these things, like everything else go up each year. Postage, printing, etc. The per capita is the one thing which a lot of members were unsure about. I had a lot of members who have been paying for years, ask me that if they could not pay the amount to take them off the rolls. This would be an unheard of task on my part. Any brother who has carried his lodge, this far will not be left by the road side due to financial hardship. It just took some elaboration on my part to explain that this is what the lodge had to do to remain, current. Sometimes the needs of the few out way the needs of the many, and we have to find a way to make our lodge a more viable, vibrant entity. We have the people to do it. if we can continue to increase our membership, we might be able to continue for another century. Masonry in my book is far from being an antiquated, curiosity which sits on a shelf or in a box waiting for some disinterested party to purchase it on an auction site. Masonry still has the capacity to encourage those that seek the truth, to find some insights, no matter how small and parcel them out to others who seek the same truth. Masonry has existed through tougher times, and it should be our duty to not let the dis-interested, dis-enfranchised or the dis-ingenuous extinguish the genuine light of truth, by our complacency or our lack of effort because we think it is futile. Our Brotherhood, has something that most groups can not claim, because Masonry is not the only organization which offers what we do. There are other groups which have specific things which a person looks for, that Masonry does not offer them. The one thing Masonry does have that no other groups seems to have, it offers the individual an experience which is completely his own. We all get the same degree, but for each individual it offers an experience, that can only be related to some internal experience, and the one thing that a lot of groups have not which is a tradition. Men wondered around the world to find eternal truths and right in front of them, it has been there the whole time. Masonry defies conventional explanation, but it can be stated that for most of us it is similar to an epiphany, when you know that you have been in the presence of a divine truth. For most they have to go through some religious experience to have the same kind of truth. The difference for Masons is that we are coming in with a belief and that we extend that belief further than when we started. Our lodge is doing well. We have great officers who are working hard, hard hard. and all the work that you Brothers who have put into making sure we have gotten this far, is being, used to continue to make sure we go on and on. I look forward to seeing some of you we have not seen in a while at lodge.

*Wor. Robert Jacka, Secretary*

(1) The conception of right-angled-ness. Our ritual tells us that the square is an angle of ninety degrees, or the one-fourth part of a circle;

(2) The builder's tool, one of our working tools, the Master's own immovable jewel;

(3) That quality of character which has made "a square man" synonymous not only with a member of our Fraternity, but with uprightness, honesty and dependability.

The first of the three meanings must have been the mathematical conception and we should reflect upon the wisdom and reasoning powers of men who lived five thousand years ago, that they knew the principles of geometry by which a square can be constructed. The square is the symbol of regulated life and actions. It is the Masonic rule for correcting and harmonizing conduct on principles or morality and virtue, and as a symbol, it is dedicated to the Master. We also identify ourselves with this symbol, because we are taught that squares, levels and perpendiculars are the proper signs to know a mason.

We are surrounded by squares in our Lodge and the immediate Past Master and the Past Masters wear it most obviously. It stands, as one of the Great Lights, in the center of all our activities. It is repeated in our Fellow Craft salute, our feet positions, our way of moving around the Lodge and our legs when at the altar in our obligation.

History tells us that the square, which is an upright with a right top arm, is the Greek letter gamma. In the construction trade, the square is used for "truing" stones and "proving" them correct. We can see how easily, the association with truth and virtue could arise. There was the historical belief that the shape of the ancient world was an oblong square and this is represented in our "squared Lodge."














There have been references to the square's meaning as a symbol long before the start of Masonry, as we know it. The Egyptians, Confucius, and Aristotle refer to 'square actions' and associate this with honest dealings, high morality, and virtue. The symbol is not original, it is certainly far from new, but it seems to have a remarkable consistency of meaning.



# San Bernardino Lodge

# MARCH 2008



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> <u>Child ID</u> <u>Pt. Vicente</u>  Job's Daughters, 11:00 am At Scottish Rite Center
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	<b>7</b>  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC - 11:30 am	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Daylight Savings Time Change	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  De Molay 7:00 pm At Scottish Rite Center	<b>13</b>  1st Degree Practice 7:15 pm	<b>14</b> <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City OES - 7:30pm Stated Meeting St. Patrick's Day Dinner	<b>15</b>  Job's Daughters, 11:00 am At Scottish Rite Center
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Scottish Rite Stated Meeting – 5:30pm 6:15pm Dinner 7:30 pm Monday Thursday	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  1st Degrees – 7:00 pm David M. Alrajabi Dane R. Chance	<b>21</b> <u>Hi-Twelve</u> National Sojourners @ Gourmet 6:00 pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Easter Sunday	<b>24</b>  DOA 7:15 pm Fontana Lodge Official Visit 7:30 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  De Molay 7:00 pm At Scottish Rite Center	<b>27</b>  1st Degree Practice 7:15 pm	<b>28</b> <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City OES - 7:30 pm Stated Meeting Easter	<b>29</b> Child ID Highland Citrus Festival
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					