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### **Building Board (see CMC 22010)**

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Director #1	Brian Goddard
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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!  Meets Friday  Noon  For all Masons, their Spouses, their Widows and Friends	In Memory of Two Worthy Brothers:  Bro. Burt Cullop &  Wor. Bill Hawkes  from a Friend & Brother Mason
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HERE	HERE
\$150.00	\$150.00
FOR ONE YEAR	FOR ONE YEAR
YOUR NAME/AD	YOUR NAME/AD
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### **Youth Orders**



ORDER OF DE MOLAY CHAPTER NO. 864



BETHEL NO. 33



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

July 11th – 7:30 pm – Stated Meeting, Worthy Matron-Worthy Patron

Party – Come to the Circus

July 25th – 6:00 pm – Ice Cream Social – Lorene Luce

Growing old is no more a bad habit which a busy person has no time for.

See you next month. Sandy Ditto, PM

## YORK RITE BODIES SAN BERNARDINO

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

July 2nd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting. July 2nd – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

July 2nd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting. July 9th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly



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

July 2nd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting. July 16th – 6:30 pm – Stated Conclave



#### **FROM THE EAST**

#### Brethren,

Be sure to support our youth groups by purchasing your fireworks from their fireworks stand located on Highland Ave. and G Street. They have a great selection and they have great deals too! If you have any questions, please contact Wor. Terry Drayton.

I have been in contact with Flagstaff Lodge and they are planning on visiting here during on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> (1 week prior to Labor Day weekend). The BBQ dinner on Friday, Aug. 22, will be held at Wor. Rick Harlan's house, please call him to RSVP and get directions. There will also be handouts explaining the directions to his house.

Route 66 Rendezvous is scheduled for September 18–21. Bro. Russ Davis is planning on having a booth set up for the Child ID program on Saturday and Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The Child ID program is becoming increasingly popular in the community, is frequently requested at community fairs and events, and is gaining greater exposure for our fraternity. It is guaranteed to be fun for the whole family, and there will be plenty of food, drink, games, souvenirs and a great time to be had for everyone! Please plan on stopping by for a few hours to lend hand and show the public face of your fraternity. Be sure to put this event on your schedule. Contact Bro. Russ Davis for details.

I am glad to know that all of the dues have been submitted, and the lodge's budget and finances are sound. I am looking forward to finishing this year with a balanced budget and on target. There is no longer the flood of money that had been going out to operate and maintain a huge building, with no tenants or revenues in return. We have been able to save some more money by clearing out the books and not pay Per Capita to Grand Lodge for those who felt they did not need to pay their dues.

Note that DOA is dark for the summer and there are no meetings in July and August.

Wor. Brian Foote, PM Master

# Good And Square Work By Gerald W. Brooks, PM

We are told that in the building of King Solomon's Temple the stones of the building were cut, squared and numbered in the quarries and hauled to the site and erected without mortar; and of timbers that were felled, hewn and prepared in the forest of Lebanon and erected on site. This building lasted some 400 years before being destroyed in war. This fact has a great deal to say about the quality of the workmanship in its construction. Builders throughout the ages have built many structures all across the world that have lasted many centuries. They exist in the Far East, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, South America and even a few in North America. These builders erected structures in many different styles and methods; but each one of them have withstood the test of time. What makes King Solomon's Temple so different is that it was the first building erected to the one true God, the God of Abraham. That may be the reason that the fraternity of builders of the Middle Ages as they slowly turned from being operative builders to speculative builders used it as their setting for teaching those moral lessons based upon the stonemasons tools.

It is this speculative, or philosophic side of this fraternity that is of interest. Man, by his nature, is like that rude stone which comes from the quarries. When he is born man has no knowledge of existence or how to survive in the world. He is taught by his parents how to survive and given the basic tools to cope with the society in which he lives. In the earliest ages he was a crude and unruly creature. As mankind progressed he grew in his awareness of world around him. It may have begun when he gazed out of the entrance of his cave and started to contemplate the starry heavens of the sky beyond the horizon. As he became more fixed in his habitation he most likely started to wonder about the regularity of nature and how life revolves around the seasons and movements of that starry sky. I am sure that as he began building fix structures, using that materials that were available, his desire was to make these structures as permanent as possible. In dong this he developed the tools necessary to assist him in his endeavor. In many places of the world stone was the material of abundance, and afforded the most permanent structures.

We have during these long ages of existence man developed into societies, societies that must live and work together. Living in a society of men we have to get along with each other. There became rules that govern how we are to interact with each other and within the society as a whole. Some of these rules we call laws and decide upon them by working together in unity. Others are founded upon the concept that man must control his ancient rude nature from within himself. There are common ideals of a society that are basic in nature and are taught from early childhood by the parents. Others we learn as we grow older and experience life in its true form by living together. Each of these has its place in society and takes some bit of doing to understand. We are aided in this process by the teaching of moral principles in our aging process. The ancient builders used many different tools to erect those buildings, such as King Solomon's Temple in

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

September – Route 66 Rendezvous

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**

Wor. Cecil Moore, P.M., Bro. Jack Hudson Bro. Earl Timko, Bro. Frank Curtis, Bro. Keith Larson Bro. James "Tiger" Lawsom, 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

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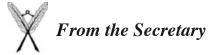
July 15th

– 5:30 P.M. Stated Meeting Election of Officers

- 5:30 P.M. Women's Association Meeting

- 6:15 P.M. Dinner - Honoring Bill Roland

Potentate of El Bekel Shrine



HAD AN INTERESTING THING HAPPEN. ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO. I HAD WOR. JOHN STONEKING AND WOR. JOE COPPINGER OF MORENO VALLEY APPROACH MEABOUT GETTING A 50 YEAR PIN FOR BRO. BILL WILLIAMS. HE HAS A BEEN A MEMBER LONGER THAN THAT BUT FOR SOME REASON WHEN IT CAME TIME HE WAS NOT PRESENTED WITH HIS HONOR. "WHAT CAN YOU DO". YOUR THE SECRETARY, YOU HAVE ACCESS TO THE GRAND LODGE ETC. SO I STARTED TO LOOK INTO IT, FIRST I CONTACTED A FEW PEOPLE BY EMAIL AND SUCH, BUT REALLY HAD NO LUCK MAKING ANY HEAD WAY. WELL A FEW WEEKS LATER WE WERE DOING SOME DEGREE WORK AT THE SCOTTISH RITE AND THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT WHETHER TO PRESENT THE AWARD TO HIM IN SAN BERNARDINO OR MORENO VALLEY, I PRESUMED THAT THEY HAD GOTTEN A HOLD OF WHO EVER TAKES CARE OF THE AWARDS AND SO I PUT IT OFF. WELLABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER, JOHN AND JOE AGAIN ASKED ME HOW THINGS WERE GOING? WITH WHAT I SAID? WITH THE 50 YEAR PIN. GUESS I HAD BETTER PUT IT BACK ON. SO I REQUESTED THAT BEFORE WE PROCEED ANY FURTHER WITH OUR MARX BROTHERS SKIT THAT WE DECIDE ON ONE PERSON TO TAKE THE BULL, AND RUN WITH IT. I CONTACTED OUR INSPECTOR WOR. KEY, WHO GAVE ME THE ADDRESS OF THE INSPECTOR OF HIS (BILLS) DISTRICT. HE SENT ME AN EMAIL STATING THAT HE WOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE AT GRAND LODGE AND VOILA IN ABOUT A WEEK AND HALF, WE HAD THE PIN AND CERTIFICATE. BRO. BILL DECIDED THAT HE WANTED TO HAVE THE CEREMONY AT SAN BERNARDINO AND THAT IT WOULD BE NICE IF IN AUGUST HE COULD HAVE FAMILY AND SUCH COME OUT. ONCE WE HAD THE RIGHT PEOPLE WORKING ON IT, ALL THOUGH A LITTLE LATE IT ONLY TOOK HIM 60 YEARS AND TWO WEEKS TO GET HIS HONOR. SO THROUGH THE RIGHT CHANNELS IT CAME TO PASS AND WITH PERSISTENCE ALL THINGS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. THANKS TO WOR. CHRIS HOLM, WOR. VIC-TOR KEY, WOR. JOHN STONEKING AND WOR. (PAPA) JOE COPPINGER, AND I AM SURE THERE WERE SOME OTHERS IN THERE SOME WHERE. TO BRO. BILL WILLIAMS CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HONOR AND HAVING FINALLY GOTTEN YOUR PREFERMENT. HAD SOME DISTRESS-ING NEWS, WOR. JOE BARTLESON TOLD ME THAT HE IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO BE AS ACTIVE FOR A WHILE, DUE TO HIS WIFE, RUTH NOT FEELING WELL. JOE AND RUTH KNOW THAT WE ALL APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND DO TOWARD THE BETTERMENT OF MASONRY IN GENERAL AND WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU NOW. BRO. ROY STEPHENSON HOPE YOU ARE DOING WELL AND GERAL MC DOWEL KEEP ME POSTED OF YOUR WELL BEING. THESE ARE ALL STRONG LINKS IN THE CHAIN OF MASONRY.

Wor. Robert Jacka, PM Secretary

Jerusalem. Freemasonry has taken these tools and used them to teach some of these most important moral lessons to us that come down even to us today.

I am sure that everyone has heard the term "He received a square deal", meaning that it was a fair and honest deal. We have also heard the term that "He is always on the level", meaning that he is always straight and honest, without guile or deceit. These are terms using the builder's tools in our daily lives. These are part of the moral lessons taught in Freemasonry. Moral lessons abound in the world if we would only stop and look for them. Every person wants to be treated fairly and with justice in his or her daily lives. The problem within our society today is prejudice; prejudice between races, gender, life styles, religion and so on. If society could, by some miracle, eliminate prejudice with the mere wave of a hand it would be nice; but alas that is not possible. It is only through the changing of the human heart that that it is possible. We must change the world from within, one man at a time, and we must start with ourselves.

Using the builder's tools in teaching philosophy has a great advantage. The advantage is that most people are familiar with what these common tools are. If we are to make ourselves become a better person then we must have an image of what we were when we start the process and an image of what we hope to be when we are finished. We must "shape" ourselves to an image that is, or will become our true self. For this purpose we have as an example the "ashlars", the "Rough Ashlar" and "Perfect Ashlars" of the builders. The "Rough Ashlar" is a stone just as it comes from the quarries in a rude and unformed state, a human being in his rough and original form. It is the intent to make that person into one that is similar to one of those stones that were used in building the House of God, the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem. These stones that were used in the building were cut, squared, plumbed and leveled in the quarries where they were raised. One might notice that the perfect stone is a cube. The hammer and chisel were used to trim off the roughness and they were smoothed to a perfect surface so that they fitted together to become a glorious building to God.

As we work upon ourselves to become like that perfect stone we are reminded that even so we are not perfect. The "perfect stone that the builders used became the head of the corner". The first building block laid in a building, the "corner stone". For us who do not quit make it to be "perfect stones" it becomes necessary that we must use mortar to fit the space required, that mortar for us is the mortar of Brotherly Love. Yet it is the purpose of our lives to make this world a better place to live and with the masons tools we can work toward that ultimate goal of making ourselves into a "Perfect Ashlar" that bring glory to our Creator. So far for many of us there has been only one "Perfect Stone" that has walked the earth. That stone should be our example of what we should or could become. We should ever work diligently toward that goal of working in the quarries of life and bring up "good and square work, just such work as required for the building of the Temple, the House of God, eternal in the Heavens".



# JULY 2008



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	Indepenence Day Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC-11:30 am	Job's Daughters,11:00 am At Scottish Rite Center
6	7	8	De Molay 7:00 pm At Scottish Rite Center	3rd Degree Practice (1st) 7:15 pm	Hi-Twelve  Gate City OES - 7:30pm  W.M./W.P. Night	12
13	14	Scottish Rite Stated Meeting – 5:30pm 6:15pm Dinner	16	3rd Degree Practice (1st) 7:15 pm	18 <u>Hi-Twelve</u> National Sojourners	Job's Daughters,11:00 am At Scottish Rite Center
20	21	22	De Molay 7:00 pm At Scottish Rite Center	24 3rd Degree Practice (2nd) 7:15 pm	Gate City OES - 7:30 pm Ice Cream Social	26
27	28	29	30	31 3rd Degree Practice (2nd) 7:15 pm		1 think we skipped one too many meetings.