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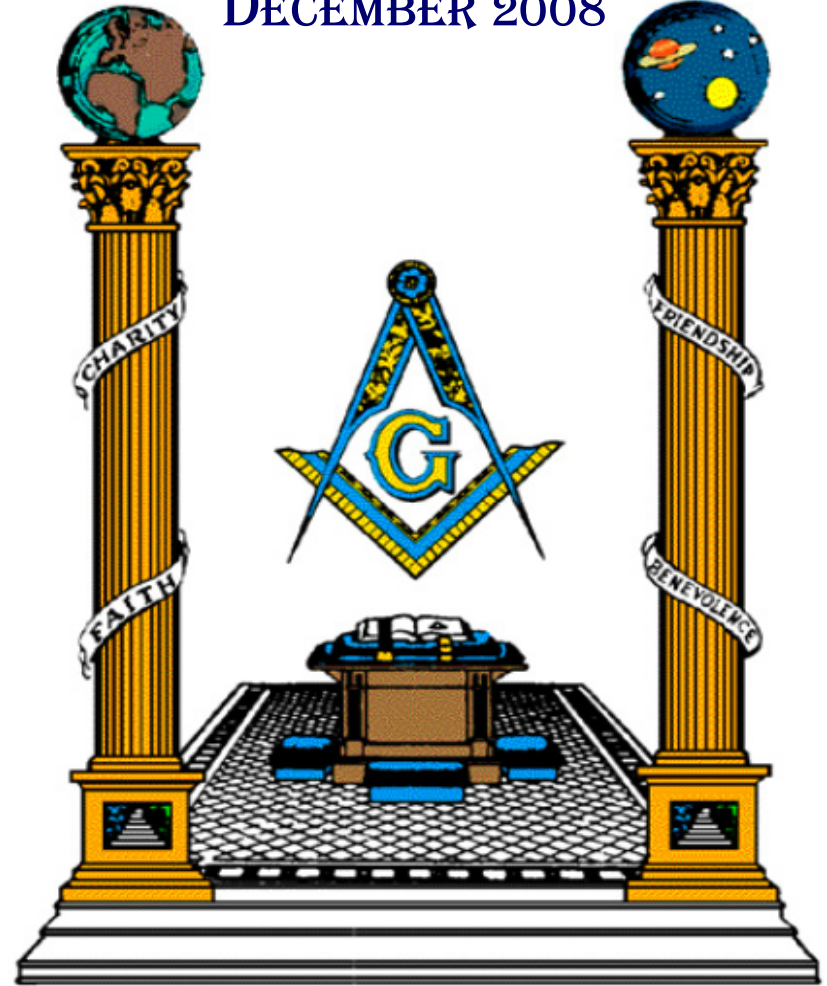
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– OFFICERS 2008 –

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Building Board (see CMC 22010)

Members

Director #1.....Brian Goddard
 Director #2.....Sandy Ditto
 Director #3.....John Nolan
 Director #4.....Rick Lazar
 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!  Good Fellowship

Meets Friday Noon Arrowhead CC Parkside Drive.
For all Masons, their spouses, their Widows and Friends

In Memory of a Worthy Brother:

Bro. Smith Marshall

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

December 12th – 7:30 pm – First Meeting of New Officers
Christmas Meeting

December 26th – Dark

January 9th – 7:30 pm – First Meeting of 2009

We hope everyone has a very Joyus Holiday Season. You will all be in our thoughts and in our hearts.

May you always have a rainbow around your shoulder
May you always have a lucky star above
May the treasures of the Pot of Gold be friends near,
Singing songs for you of happiness and love,
May you always have a special prayer that's answered
May you always have good luck about to start
May you always have a reason to be singing and forever
have a song in your 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.

December 3rd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
December 3rd – 7:30 pm – Stated Convocation
December 14th – 6:00 pm – Annual Christmas Dinner



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

December 3rd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting
December 10th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly
December 14th – 6:00 pm – Annual Christmas Dinner



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

December 3rd – 7:00 pm – Building Board Meeting.
December 13th – 8:00 am – Commandery Christmas Obervance
December 14th – 6:00 pm – Annual Christmas Dinner
December 17th – 7:30 pm – Stated Conclave



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

This being the final trestleboard of 2008, this year is winding down with the lodge in good shape in terms of finances and membership. The lodge has been operating within its budget, attendance has been consistent, we have received several new members in the last 24 months, and an acceptable location has been established to hold our weekly meetings. The ship's course is holding steady, and I think things are in better shape now than when I was installed in 2007, so I will gladly hand over the helm in 2 weeks. For those brothers who have not yet served in the East, it has been well worth the time and effort to make the progression, and I have learned things that previously I would have never thought possible. Without hesitation I would encourage you to involve yourself.

As for my future plans, I will continue to be involved in the degree work. I know that a handful of the members were probably looking forward to getting me out of the Oriental Chair and doing away with me entirely, but I do love to disappoint when and where I can. I guess the appropriate phrase is "au revoir" – we'll see you again.

The annual installation of officers is scheduled for Thursday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. Also, the installation for Inland Empire Lodge is scheduled on Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 p.m. with Grand Master Larry Adamson as the installing officer. I cannot remember the last time I saw a Grand Lodge officer in our lodge, or even heard of one in the Inland Empire, so let's consider this a call out to Rialto and welcome the GM to our district. Dark suit or tux would be appropriate, and please feel free to bring along your lady and family for photos. If at all possible, please RSVP to Curt Rogers or David Brown at Inland Empire Lodge so they can plan for the appropriate refreshments.

After Installation, the lodge will be dark on the following 2 Thursdays as is customary. Please note that the first Thursday in January will fall on New Year's Day, so lodge will be dark on the 1st and the Stated Meeting will be held on January 8th.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL !!

Wor. Brian Foote, P.M., Master

THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE (circa August 1854)

Rob Morris, LLD, Masonic Poet Laureate 1818-1888

WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL, AND WE PART UPON THE SQUARE,—

What words of precious meaning those words Masonic are!
Come, let us contemplate them; they are worthy of a thought,—
With the highest and the lowest and the rarest they are fraught.

We meet upon the Level, though from every station come —
The King from out his palace and the poor man from his home;
For the one must leave his diadem without the Mason's door,
And the other finds his true respect upon the checkered floor.

We part upon the square, for the world must have its due;
We mingle with its multitude, a cold, unfriendly crew;
But the influence of our gatherings in memory is green,
And we long, upon the level, to renew the happy scene.

There's a World where all are equal,— we are hurrying towards it fast,—
We shall meet upon the level there when the gates of death are past;
We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there,
To try the blocks we offer by His own unerring Square.

We shall meet upon the level there, but never thence depart;
There's a Mansion,— 'tis all ready for each zealous, faithful heart;
There's a Mansion, and a welcome, and a multitude is there,
Who have met upon the level and been tried upon the square.

Let us meet upon the level, then, while laboring patient here,—
Let us meet and let us labor, tho' the labor seem severe;
Already in the western sky the signs bid us prepare
To gather up our working tools and part upon the square.

Hands round, ye faithful Ghibilimites, the bright, fraternal chain;
We part upon the square below, to meet in Heaven again!
O what words of precious meaning those words Masonic are,
WE MEET UPON THE LEVEL, AND WE PART UPON THE SQUARE.

**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

*Bro. Jack Widmeyer, Bro. Dick
Grove,*

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

December 16th– 5:30 P.M. – Executive Board Meeting

December 16th– 5:30 P.M. – Stated Meeting
– 5:30 P.M. – Women's Association Meeting
– 6:15 P.M. – Christmas Dinner Show



From the Secretary (Continued)

We have active participation from a lot members who see more in Masonry than just the sum of its parts. Rededicate yourself to something in Masonry this year and lets keep the momentum going forward. I wish all the new officers a fantastic year, now that you wipe the perspiration off your forehead, congratulate Wor. Brian on a job well done. Also, there is a Mason out there and I said I would not mention him by name, who is always doing something that demonstrates to me Masonry in action. He is pretty soft spoken doesn't like to spot himself. You know who you are and I would like to thank you fraternally for making things easier if not

Wor. Robert Jacka, P.M., Secretary

THE TRAVELING MAN

Long years ago, I climbed a stair
And rapped at an ancient door.
I passed within a temple fair
And trod the checkered floor.
I passed between the pillars two;
I climbed the winding stair;
The letter "G" then met my view;
I earned my wages there.
I knelt besides the altar fair
I counted not the cost.
I searched afar with earnest care,
But still the Word was lost
Though some may think my search absurd,
When time shall ebb and fall,
I hope to learn the final Word
Beyond life's mystic veil.

— D.C. Tidwell —



From the Secretary

The end of another Masonic Year, Whooooosh. Hard to believe, but now that the last good day is behind us, what do you do? Start Over. We have a great corps of people working to bring the lodge into track and make sure we are going forward. We hope to see some of you who have not been in Lodge in a while and we have a group of people who have just started their Masonic career. I want to let you know that our lodge dues are now \$99 dollars, but that if you have some financial hard ship, put that down in the envelope. I will mail them out shortly. Our lodge is really going well, as far as the overall things that can be done. I am sure that there are those that think Masonry is on its last leg and we don't have that to stand on. That it might be better to just think how great it use to be with thousands coming and going from the building, and when there wasn't a chair left at a breakfast. Well, we have a great rapport with the York Rite and maybe we should think about doing a unified hamburger fry, or maybe having a family night pot luck. Masonry has not changed, the times have in a way changed Masonry a little. The social things that my Dad did are not really the social things that I do. He loved to play cribbage and pinochle. I do not. So where does that leave us and what do we do. Pine for days long gone. Hope for better. No.

When we had Flagstaff and Mike Betschart did not want to drive back, smelling of trout, he graciously handed me the skillet and spatula and said have at it. I am pretty much guessing that is why the fish fry has gone the way of all flesh. But, I have to admit, it was not the hardest thing I have ever done. Hopefully, someone will see that and say, I can not stand to see those fish tortured like that, its a shame to waste such good food. Move out of the way and give me those cooking implements, but the Nolans have opened up their house. The Harlans have made efforts to provide dinner before the stated meetings.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3  De Molay 7:00 pm At Scottish Rite Center	4  Dinner 6:30 pm Stated Meeting 7:30 pm	5  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC-11:30 am	6  Job's Daughters, 11:00 am At Scottish Rite Center
7	8	9	10	11  Installation 7:00 pm	12 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City OES Christmas Meeting 7:30 pm	13
14  Installation of Inland Empire Lodge 2:00 pm – Railto	15	16  Scottish Rite Stated Meeting – 5:30pm 6:15 pm – Dinner Christmas Show	17  De Molay 7:00 pm At Scottish Rite Center	18  Lodge Dark	19 <u>Hi-Twelve</u> National Sojourners	20  Job's Daughters, 11:00 am At Scottish Rite Center
21	22	23	24	25  Lodge Dark <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 <u>Hi-Twelve</u>  Gate City OES Dark	27
28	29	30	31			