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Building Board (see CMC 22010)

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Coming Events

Basketball Game

The Los Angeles Clippers are hosting a Masonic day on Sunday, March 11, 2007. The game versus the Detroit Pistons begins at 12:00 noon at STAPLES Center in downtown Los Angeles. This would be a great opportunity for a family event!

YORK RITE BODIES

SAN BERNARDINO

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



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

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



Valley Council No. 27, C.M.

February 7th – 6:30 pm – York Rite Building Board Meeting.
February 14th – 7:30 pm – Stated Assembly



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

February 7th – 6:30 pm – York Rite Building Board Meeting.
February 21st – 7:30 pm – Stated Conclave

SCOTTISH RITE BODIES

VALLEY OF SAN BERNARDINO

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



February 4th – 2:00 pm – S.B.S.R. Installation of Officers
February 20th – 5:30 pm – Stated Meeting
5:30 pm – Women's Association Meeting
6:15 pm – Dinner
7:30 pm – Sweethearts Night Entertainment



Gate City O.E.S. #212

February 9th: Meeting - 7:30 pm - At York Rite Temple

Youth Orders



ORDER OF DE MOLAY
CHAPTER NO. 864



RAINBOW GIRLS
ASSEMBLY NO. 78



JOB'S DAUGHTERS
BETHEL NO. 33



FROM THE EAST

Brethren, the station of Junior Warden is currently vacant due to unforeseen circumstances, and the lodge must have a Junior Warden! It is imperative that the lodge have three principal officers who can perform their duties, not only for the benefit of the lodge but also for further light for the individual in that station. If you have ever contemplated being an officer, or have been an officer before and were unable to continue, then this is your opportunity to get into the top three chairs in the Blue Lodge. Also, if you know of someone who might be interested, please contact me immediately. The station is worth the while, will give you a feeling of pride in a job well done, earns the gratitude of the members, and does not require as much time as you might think.

The memorial service held for Wor. Don Wright, P.M., on Saturday, January 13th, had a big turnout with 30 masons and many Past Masters in attendance. He attended lodge regularly for more than half a century and he will be missed. The Masonic funeral service was eloquently delivered and everyone involved did a great job. Thank you to all!

The lodge has been dealing with several significant issues since 2005, namely, increasing the annual dues by an appropriate amount in order to sustain the longevity of the lodge, getting a permanent location, and how to deal with the declining number of members (as is the situation in most other lodges as well). The first hurdle, the amount of annual dues, can certainly be resolved this year. It has been discussed previously in 2005 and 2006, in Stated Meetings as well as among the members. In the coming months, this important issue will again be raised for consideration. We also anticipate a special meeting (date to be announced later) for the sole purpose of discussing the proposed dues increase. Any and all questions or concerns of any member will be heard and every attempt will be made to respond to those questions and concerns.

A reminder that the delicious dinners served prior to our Stated Meetings are: \$8 with a reservation or \$10 without a reservation. There is a choice of steak or chicken breast, and served with all the trimmings including baked potato, vegetables, and desert. We have been using a reservation list to help with meal planning, so be sure to contact me. When the weather warms up in Spring and Summer, we will also attempt to dine out as a group in the latter weeks of the months to come.

Wor. Brian Foote

Symbols of the Craft

The Deacon's Rods

Why do Deacons carry rods, or “asherah”? The word Deacon is a derivation of a Greek word which in translation means attendant. They represent the attendants to the high priests in ancient times. The word asherah is the name given to the wooden staff, which is approximately 6 feet in length. The wooden staffs were named for the goddess Asherah, who was the mother of twins Shacar and Shalem, who were respectively the god of Dawn and the god of Dusk. So two Deacons with rods are equivalent to two attendants with asherahs.

In the J.W. lecture, it states that a Masonic lodge is situated due east and west for three reasons. The tabernacle of Moses and King Solomon's Temple were similarly situated. Since Moses and his followers were on the move for 40 years, their tabernacle was of course a tent which had to be dismantled and reconstructed every time they moved. Upon rebuilding it had to be situated due east and west, as all holy or sacred buildings were so situated at that time.

So Moses, with his two attendants with their asherahs, would go to the selected site where the tabernacle was to be erected. Just before dawn, Moses would choose the spot where the altar was to be located, and then instruct one of the attendants to place his asherah on that spot. When the sun rose above the horizon, the rays from the sun would strike the asherah and send a long thin shadow towards the west. The other attendant would then place his asherah on the other end of the shadow, and that would designate the centerline of the proposed tabernacle. The workmen would then move in and erect the tabernacle with the altar at the east end and the entrance at the west end.

Obviously, the magnetic compass had not been invented at that time, so all holy and sacred buildings had to be set out with the aid of two asherahs. King Solomon's Temple was no different. And so, the asherah, being the very first tool or implement to be made use of at the building of the temple makes them of extreme importance from a Masonic point of view. As a result, in lodges today, the Deacons carry their rods at all times as the insignia of their office and particularly when conducting a candidate.

The Temple

By Bro. Lawrence N. Greenleaf

The Temple made of wood and stone may crumble and decay,
 But there's a viewless fabric which shall never fade away,
 Age after age each Mason strives to carry out his plan,
 But still the work's unfinished which those ancient Three began,
 None but immortal eyes may view complete in all its parts,
 The Temple formed of Living Stones—the structure made of
 hearts.

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

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

Sickness & Distress

Prayers work!!! Just ask someone who has come back from a serious illness!
 Brother George Campbell. Brother Irv Uffer is in Highland Palms
 Health Center on Palm Avenue.

In Memoriam

Bro. Charles W. Moore Wor. Don Wright Wor. Russ Vincent

Please notify us about any Brother who has recently passed away so that we can remove his name from our active membership roll.





From the Secretary

I want to Thank all the Brothers for sending in their dues, and that most of them have been sent out. We are in the process of changing and updating our system so please be patient about updates. As I get them I'm changing the information. If you are not getting the trestleboard, or know of someone who is not getting the trestleboard, please let me know. Numerous Brothers have given generously to our building fund and have asked to remain anonymous so here is a personal thanks to all who have put something extra into our building. We will have some updates about a permanent location within the next few months. If you have some idea's that you would like to share come to the next stated meeting and give your input. We are still considering the Scottish Rite and we will be presenting information, about location. Others have expressed other locations which might suit our needs. Our Lodge has a lot of hard working people, who volunteer their time, and that is one reason why it takes a little longer for things to develop. It is going to be a Great year for Masonry be an active part of our Lodge and make it happen.

Masonic Funeral Team

Brethren, the Master needs your help putting together a list of those brothers that are able to deliver the Masonic Funeral Service. We have a short list from previous replies, but we still need others that are able to step in when needed. Also, it is very helpful to have a brother that is willing to make phone calls to put together a funeral team, for when we receive a request for a Masonic funeral. The Master would also like to get a list of members that would like to be notified of Masonic funerals. Please contact the Master as soon as possible and let him know which parts you would be willing to take, advance planning is critical for the lodge to provide that service.

The Level and The Square

By Bro. Robert Morris

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;
In the very walls of Masonry the sentiment is wrought.

We meet upon the Level, though from every station come,
The rich man from his palace and the poor man from his home;
For the *rich* must leave his wealth and state outside the Mason's door,
And the poor man finds his best respect upon the Checkered Floor.

We act upon the Plumb—'tis the order of our Guide—
We walk upright in virtue's way and lean to neither side;
Th' All-Seeing Eye that reads our hearts doth bear us witness true,
That we still try to honor God and give each man his due.

We part upon the Square, for the worlds must have its due;
We mingle with the multitude, a faithful band and true;
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 were all are equal—we are hurrying towards it fast,
We shall meet upon the Level there, when the gates of Death are passed;
We shall stand before the Orient, and our Master will be there,
To try the blocks we offer with His own unerring Square.

We shall meet upon the Level there, but never thence depart;
There's a Mansion—'tis all ready for each trusting, 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, though the labor be 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 Brotherhood, the bright fraternal chain,

FEBRUARY 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1  Stated Meeting Dinner 6:30 pm	2  Hi-Twelve Arrowhead CC-11:30 am	3  Job's Daughters 11:00 am
4	5  Rainbow 7:00 pm	6	7  De Molay 7:00 pm	8  Practice 7:15 P.M. 3°,1st section	9 Hi-Twelve  Gate City OES @York Rite Temple 7:30pm	10
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 St. Valentine's Day	15  Practice 7:15 P.M. 3°,2nd section	16 Hi-Twelve Sojourners @ Gourmet 6:00 pm	17  Job's Daughters 11:00 am
18	19  Rainbow 7:00 pm President's Day	20  Scottish Rite Dinner – 6:15pm Stated Meeting – 7:30pm	21  De Molay 7:00 pm Building Board Meeting 6:00pm	22  3rd Degree 7:15 P.M. Jeff Neighbors Washington's Birthday	23 Hi-Twelve  Gate City OES @York Rite Temple 7:30pm	24
25	26	27	28			