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Bulletin



A monthly bulletin of information for the members, families and friends of
Blackmer Lodge #442, Free and Accepted Masons, California, USA

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cordially invites you to attend the

Ninetieth Annual

Installation of Officers

Scottish Rite Memorial Center

1895 Camino del Rio South

San Diego, California

Thursday, December 11th, 2002

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening

*Open to all Masons, their Families
and Friends*

John Heisner, Master-Elect

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TO MY FRIENDS.....

Take a moment from your day to learn a few good lessons...

- Always try to help a friend in need.
- Remember, on a bad day you are almost never alone!
- Close your eyes and smile at least once a day!
- Hold onto good friends, they are few and far between!
- Laugh often.
- Don't be overly concerned with your weight, it's just a number!
- Indulge in the things you truly love.
- Always try to see the glass half full.
- Meet new people, even if they look different than you.
- Remain Calm -- even when it seems hopeless.
- Take lots of naps...
- RELAX!!
- Keep your head up
- Enjoy expensive toys often.
- Never be ashamed...
- There is always someone who loves you more than you know.
- It will get better
- Give it your all
- Be weird whenever you have the chance
- Always be up for surprises.
- PRAY
- Love someone with all of your heart.
- Cherish every Sunday!
- Love your friends, no matter who they are.

The 2004 Entertainment Book is available to Blackmer Lodge as a fund-raiser. This year it has more features than older books. In addition to a great variety of restaurants from fast-food to luxurious dining, there are discounts at museums, cruises, amusement parks, hotels, and more. You can examine it at your leisure in the Lodge office. The books may be purchased for \$40. Buy one for yourself and another to sell to a friend. Using the book 4 or 5 times more than pays for the cost. The Lodge will benefit very nicely since Blackmer will receive \$8 for each book sold. It is a good fund-raiser from a product almost everyone uses. So help the Lodge and yourself.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

The dues notices have been sent out for the year 2004. If you have not already done so, please take a few moments and mail in your dues. If you can, please include a contribution for the Masonic Home Endowment Fund.

We have had several newsletters returned due to bad addresses. People have moved! Let us know when you are going to move, so we can change your address in our mailing list and lodge roster.

If you know of a Brother or his lady that are not feeling in the best of health, please let us know. It is almost impossible to call all of the Brothers to find out if they are OK. Call us at 619-291-0465.

Be sure to attend the annual installation of officers on December 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Fraternally, Johnny Johnson, Secretary

ENDOWMENT FUND

As mentioned in a previous Bulletin, the Lodge will accept your contribution to the FUND, when you send your Dues Check. When we receive a contribution, we log it into the report we send to Grand Lodge. When you write a check for The Masonic Homes Endowment Fund, be sure to include FUND after Masonic Homes Endowment. If you don't your contribution could be deposited in the Homes operating account. Hopefully, Grand Lodge will be forthcoming with a report of contributions!



PIZZA KNIGHT

Last pizza Knight of the year, Mike and his pizza people will meet for another Monday evening get-together with salads, sodas, pizzas, December 1st at 6:30 p.m. at Tier-rasanta Roundtable, 10415 Tierrasanta Blvd. Hungry Blackmer pizza lovers and their friends are all invited to join in good food and fellowship for the evening.

We are meeting on the first Monday, because the second Monday is Installation practice. Hope to see you all there to enjoy conversation and pizza.

We will share the cost of salads, sodas and pizzas.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In an increasingly complex and troubled world, Supreme Grand Master, help us, as we pray, to reduce the complicated to the simple.

The obvious, after all, is that which is never seen until someone expresses it simply.

All the great things, in fact, are simple, and among good men and Masons, many can be expressed in a single word: friendship; fraternity; freedom; justice; honor; duty; loyalty; love; mercy; hope.

Through the words of the poet, Walt Whitman, you have taught us, Lord Almighty, that simplicity is power, "that the art of art, the glory of expression, and the sunshine of the light of letters is simplicity. Nothing is better than simplicity."

The greatest truths are the simplest, and so are the greatest men. We thank you for both. Amen.

So mote it be.

Greg S. Maizlish, Chaplain, Blackmer # 442



BIRTHDAYS

John Burns	12/27
Leonard Fraitag, PM	12/23
Carl Friedman	12/17
Eugene Goldman, PM	12/16
William Greenman	12/27
Paul Hodiak, PM	12/31
Michael Holibonich	12/17
Johnny Johnson	12/14
David Kahn	12/02
Lowell Lantz	12/15
Donald Lyles	12/12
Richard Markson	12/14
Robert Melson	12/19
Predrag Mitrovich	12/30
Galen Niedenfuehr, PM	12/05
Harold Overstreet	12/04
Leslie Pond	12/26
Bruce Rick	12/30
Byron Rose	12/26
Ralph Siegel	12/18
Darel Southward	12/07
Lewis Struzik	12/11
Robert Sumers	12/21
Raymond Tatum, PM	12/04
Paul Young	12/15
Jack Zimmerman	12/10

Happy Birthday to these Brethren! We would like to wish you a happy birthday in person at the Stated Meeting dinner of your birth month. Please do join us and remember that your dinner is on the Lodge.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.



**SUPPORT YOUR
LODGE AND ITS
PROGRAMS .**

**YOUR
ATTENDANCE IS
NEEDED AND
ENCOURAGED!**

Please be considerate and make your dinner reservations early. If you are going to come to one of our dinners, make reservations. Two days in advance is sufficient, but please reserve.

Upon checking, the Secretary finds there are several members who have STILL not paid their 2002 dues. Please do so as soon as possible and include the amount of your 2003 dues which are also due.

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*Freemasonry seeks good men and
 makes them better. Tell a friend!*

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DECEMBER 2003, CALENDAR

December

- Mon 1st** Pizza KNight, 6:30 Tierrasanta Roundtable, 10415 Tierrasanta Blvd.
- Thurs 4th Stated Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations please call 619-291-0465.
- Mon 8th** Installation practice at 6:30 pm - All elected and appointed officers, Installing Officer and Master of Ceremonies to be present.
- Thurs 11th Annual Installation of Officers** at 7:30 p.m.

January

- Thurs 1st New Years Day!**
- Mon 5th** Pizza KNight, 6:30 Tierrasanta Roundtable, 10415 Tierrasanta Blvd.
- Thurs 8th Stated Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations please call 619-291-0465.

DECEMBER STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

A FABULOUS HOLIDAY SEASON MEAL WILL
 BE SHARED BY ALL ATTENDING