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Bulletin



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WHENCE CAME YOU?

*"And, behold, I propose to build an house
unto the name of the Lord my God."
1 Kings 5:5*

Masonic catechism replies to the question in our title, as follows: "From a Lodge of the Holy Saints John at Jerusalem." We are further informed that when he captured Judea, King David renamed the city "Jerusalem." As we also know, Solomon's Temple, like Moses' Tabernacle before it, was situated due East and West - a geography that actually lends revealing information about why the name is "Jerusalem" and did not remain "Judea." The lesson we learn is far from being merely historical; it touches upon the essence of the belief system that delivered us Hiram, King of Tyre and Hiram Abif to the order we describe as our first three Most Grand Masters.

The first known form of name for the city was "Urushalim" - "uru", meaning "founded by," and the suffix "salem" or "Shalim," which is the name of the Canaanite god of Venus in its evening setting. (Both Hiram of Tyre and Hiram Abif were Phoenicians and Canaanites). Thus, the very name of "Jerusalem" effectively means the place dedicated to Venus in its evening setting. But, Solomon's Temple was facing in the opposite direction, toward Venus rising in its role as Morning Star. That is so, because of the importance of the Sun as being evidence of the Divine. It is also so,

because the "Shekinah" was only visible in the East as a pre-dawn phenomenon. "Shekinah" is astronomically defined as the concurrence of Venus and Mercury - an extremely rare phenomenon that does not necessarily occur with mathematical precision.

Using state-of-the-art astronomy computer software, technicians have "dialed back" the time clock to see what was in the skies during certain notable events. Surprisingly, the "Shekinah" phenomenon was present on the dates attributed to the Hebrew exodus from Egypt, the building of King Solomon's Temple and the birth of Jesus. The Ancients placed great significance upon Venus, variously describing the luminous planet as the manifestation of the female component of Diety, the symbol of fertilization, and the Light of Divine Glory. Canaanite worshippers, as well as Egyptian mystics and early Druidic societies "timed" the appearance of the Venus light in the eastern pre-dawn sky and calculated 40 year intervals. Oddly, the number "40" occurs in the Holy Bible exactly 40 times.

Solomon's Temple was built with a "dormer," that is a window situated such as to gather and let into to the Sanctum Sanctorum the light of the East -

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FROM THE SECRETARY

We have several degrees coming up in the near future. We would like to see a good turn out of Brothers.

It is very important that you call in your dinner reservations at least 3 days ahead of the meeting so that we know how much food to have prepared.

We regret to inform you that Dusan Martin Sr.'s wife passed way. Our heart felt sympathy goes out to Danny and the family.

If you know of a Brother or his family that are not feeling up to par, let us know, so that we can contact them.

There are still some members who have not paid their 2005 dues. Brethren this dues is due before the first of January, please take a few seconds and send in yours, if you have a problem please give the Master or Secretary a call and we will do our best to work with you.

August 13th is the All Masonic Picnic. Blackmer will have a couple of tables set up for our members, candidates and families. You can get parking passes at the Scottish Rite or see me and I will get them for you.

Fraternally, Johnny Johnson

SUPPORT YOUR LODGE AND ITS PROGRAMS.

YOUR ATTENDANCE IS NEEDED AND ENCOURAGED!

WE HAD THE PLEASURE

We had the pleasure of having a Golden Veteran's Award for 50 years in Blackmer Lodge presented to Brother Clinton Potter. It was presented by Wor. Jerry Wohlfarth, Inspector of the 490th Masonic District at Vista Lodge on June 7 prior to the Stated Meeting with about 30 members and wives present. Congratulations to our Brother for attaining this milestone in his Masonic life.

We had the pleasure of hearing the First Degree Proficiency given by Brother Mark Kaufman on June 13th and then proceeded to pass him to the Degree of Fellowcraft. The degree was well done and the Lodge is looking forward to a Third Degree for this Brother in the not very distant future.

We had the pleasure of coaching several candidates who are working on their proficiencies for advancement.

MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT FUND

The Lodge will accept your contribution to the FUND, when you send your Dues Check or at any other time. 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. Please make your contribution as large as you can.

ALL MASONIC PICNIC

The Annual All Masonic Picnic, hosted by the Scottish Rite, will be held at its usual location at Admiral Baker Field on Saturday, August 13 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All are invited to enjoy good food, good company and fun and games. All members and families are invited and a special invitation has been sent to our Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts. Be there! Find the banner.

MASONIC OUTREACH SERVICES

The fiscal year ending on June 30, 2005 concludes an extremely challenging fiscal year for *Masonic Outreach Services (MOS)*. This important program of our Masonic Homes has seen demand rise 35% above budgeted levels. This need has continued to grow... with no end in sight.

MOS helps Masons fulfill a promise to care for those among us in need. Today, more widows and Masons than ever are looking to us for help. This support is expensive, however, and those in our charge are often fragile and need significant care. This is where we come in. Our **MOS** case workers intervene on our behalf, and literally save lives. As Masons, we take an oath to support, protect and help each other. **MOS** enables us to keep this important promise.

The easiest way to make your gift to our Masonic Homes is to visit our website at www.freemason.org and click the secure "give online" button. It is an easy and fast way to endure that you help this year. Of course you can always mail your check to the Grand Lodge Office of Philanthropy.

If you recently made your contribution this year, thank you. Otherwise, please do your part. These tax-deductible gifts go directly to those in need and help us keep the promise we make with our Masonic brethren.

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FROM THE EAST

"Dirt Roads" Food for thought from Paul Harvey. I wish I could include the photos that came to me by email with this but the words themselves speak volumes.

What's mainly wrong with society today is that too many Dirt Roads have been paved.

There's not a problem in America today, crime, drugs, education, divorce, delinquency that wouldn't be remedied, if we just had more Dirt Roads, because Dirt Roads give character.

People that live at the end of Dirt Roads learn early on that life is a bumpy ride.

That it can jar you right down to your teeth sometimes, but it's worth it, if at the end is home...a loving spouse, happy kids and a dog.

We wouldn't have near the trouble with our educational system if our kids got their exercise walking a Dirt Road with other kids, from whom they learn how to get along.

There was less crime in our streets before they were paved.

Criminals didn't walk two dusty miles to rob or rape, if they knew they'd be welcomed by 5 barking dogs and a double barrel shotgun.

And there were no drive by shootings.

Our values were better when our roads were worse!

People did not worship their cars more

than their kids, and motorists were more courteous, they didn't tailgate by riding the bumper or the guy in front would choke you with dust & bust your windshield with rocks.

Dirt Roads taught patience.

Dirt Roads were environmentally friendly, you didn't hop in your car for a quart of milk you walked to the barn for your milk.

For your mail, you walked to the mail box.

What if it rained and the Dirt Road got washed out? That was the best part, then you stayed home and had some family time, roasted marshmallows and popped popcorn and pony rode on Daddy's shoulders and learned how to make prettier quilts than anybody.

At the end of Dirt Roads, you soon learned that bad words tasted like soap.

Most paved roads lead to trouble, Dirt Roads more likely lead to a fishing creek or a swimming hole.

At the end of a Dirt Road, the only time we even locked our car was in August, because if we didn't some neighbor would fill it with too much zucchini.

At the end of a Dirt Road, there was always extra springtime income, from when city dudes would get stuck, you'd have to hitch up a team and pull them out.

Usually you got a dollar...always you got a new friend...at the end of a Dirt Road!

~by Paul Harvey~

Fraternally,
Coren Andrews, Master

this marvellous connection to our ancient past to be gleaned from our other "branches" of Freemasonry - from our York Rite brethren, as well as from the lectures and degrees in the Scottish Rite. Challenge yourself to read more and be amazed by your Craft!

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe Bless You
John R. Heisner, P.M.



BIRTHDAYS

James Easterly	7/15
Guy Francesconi	7/20
Robert Hollcraft	7/7
Ezra Johnson	7/29
Paul Jones	7/01
Donald Lee	7/28
William Nemece	7/7
James Ogilvie, PM	7/05
David Parker	7/02
Richard Petersen, PM	7/24
Chris Quimpo	7/9
Lowman Sachitano	7/18
F. Walter Savage	7.06
Marlin Schragger	7/5
Justin Seligmann	7/13
David Smith	7/29
James Stewart	7/12
Louis Towne	7/21
Mitchell Wallace	7/09
W. Harold Williams	7/17
John Wright	7/12
Mazin Younan	7/04

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.



BULLETIN BY EMAIL

A growing number of your fellow members of Blackmer Lodge in receiving your copy of the Bulletin electronically. To join in, just drop an Email note to the editor, Coren Andrews at ctandrews@comcast.net to begin receiving your Bulletin in an Email.

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the "Shekinah." It was in the Holy of Holies that the Ark of the Covenant rested until the Temple's complete destruction. Solomon adopted Hiram of Tyre's reverence for the Divine Light; secured it for Israel; and, caused it to dwell "in the Ark" at Jerusalem. The lineage of that belief and practice traces itself directly to both St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

My brethren there is "whence you came." There is much more about

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD. IT SHOULD SAY "PAID THROUGH DECEMBER, 2005.

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.

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JULY 2005, CALENDAR

July

- Mon 4th Independence Day - CELEBRATE**
- Thurs 7th Stated Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465. Inspector's Official Visit
- Mon 11th First Degree, 7:15 p.m.**
- Thurs 14th Candidates' Coaching** at Lodge Office, 6:45 p.m.
- Mon 18th First Degree, 7:15 p.m.**
- Thurs 21st Candidates' Coaching** at Lodge Office, 6:45 p.m.
- Mon 25th ISI, 837host, 561 work, Third Degree, Flag, Elections, 7:00 p.m.**
 all officers to be present - call the Inspector if you cannot attend.
- Tues 26 Candidate Coaches School** at ESD, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs 28th Candidates' Coaching** at Lodge Office, 6:45 p.m.

August

- Mon 1st Second Degree practice, 6:45 p.m.**
- Thurs 4th Stated Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465.
- Mon 8th TBD**
- Thurs 11th Candidates' Coaching** at Lodge Office, 6:45 p.m.
- Sat 13th All Masonic Picnic - see article**

JULY STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

- Stir Fry Beef and Chicken Enchiladas
- Rice Pilaf and Grilled Mixed Vegetables
- Caesar Salad and Mini Croissants
- Double Scoop Ice Cream
- Lemonade and Coffee



Call your reservations to Johnny at 619-291-0469

