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## THE PURITY OF THE LILY

*"And upon the top of the pillars was lily work:  
so was the work of the pillars finished."*

1 Kings 7:22

The plant so frequently mentioned in the Old Testament as the "lily," often used as an emblem of peace and purity, was actually the lotus lily of Egypt and India. It also occupies a special place in Freemasonry as one of the ornaments adorning the two pillars in King Solomon's Temple known as Boaz and Jachin. As such, the lily has maintained the same symbolic meaning as it enjoyed in ancient Egypt and India.

As was so in ancient times, Fellowcraft Masons are also taught that, owing to the retired situation of its growth and its purity, the lily adorning the pillars represents "peace." Quite frequently, the lily appears in esoteric writings in combination with the "rose," such as in the Song of Songs that appears in the Old Testament. There, in a series of love songs between a king and his bride, the bride relates that she is the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valleys. (Song of Songs 2:1). Throughout the ages writers have disagreed about the identity of the king and bride. Some have stated a belief that the king is Solomon and the bride one of his several wives. Others have variously interpreted the king to mean Jesus, while his "bride" was either the Roman Catholic Church, or Mary Magdalene. However, it is unnecessary to adopt any particular interpretation as the best in order to fully appreciate the symbolic meaning of the "lily."

By ancient definition, the word Sharon symbolically describes another spiritual dimension known as the Orbit of Light. In that dimension, mankind is exposed to a peculiar realm of advanced enlightenment primarily associated with what is known as Star Fire gold, a substance referred to in alchemical literature as a lunar extract of Anunnaki goddesses. A lesson from

this symbolism, essential to Freemasons, is that true peace is intimately linked to what is known as the House of David.

The pillars Boaz and Jachin appearing in the porch of King Solomon's Temple were not structurally necessary to the building itself. They were intended to be purely ornamental and as such to convey a deeper spiritual significance. Boaz, representing strength, was actually the husband of Ruth, who became Boaz's widow and bore a generation of persons that included King David. Jachin was the name of the first High Priest to serve in King Solomon's Temple. Used together, Boaz and Jachin are intended to symbolize legitimate kingship and priesthood.

We learn from the great Jewish historian Josephus that purity of the priesthood was extremely important to that segment of Hebrew society referred to as the Zealots. From days of old, the legitimate priests descended from the symbolic characters we know as Melchizedek, Zadok and Aaron. Kings descended from Ruth and her ancestors and heirs. The perceived lack of priestly purity during the first century eventually led the Zealots to wage furious warfare against their Roman invaders ending in the mass suicide by Zealot defenders at the fortress known as Masada.

We also learn from Josephus and other ancient historians that during the period of Jewish captivity, which occurred well after both David and Solomon had gone to their rest, the Hebrews ceased to be ruled by the House of David. Followers of Jesus hoped that he would re-establish both the kingly and priestly legitimacy. Many became disillusioned by his crucifixion and continued to be watchful for the coming of the expected messiah.

Seemingly lost amongst the factual investigations by ancient, as well as modern

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# 2006 LEGISLATION

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## GRAND MASTER DOAN'S DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

See you at Grand Lodge for these

## CARRYOVER GRAND MASTER DOAN'S RECOMMENDATIONS

2005-02 Will authorize Concordant and Appendant Masonic Organizations to conduct raffles for the benefit of their charities and for our Masonic Youth Orders to be able to conduct raffles for their charities and special needs such as leadership development and travel to special events.

2005-05 Allows the Grand Master sole discretion to appoint or not appoint the Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Bible Bearer and Grand Pursuivant.

2005-07 Allows a three year pilot program to allow the Grand Master to permit lodges to confer the degrees upon those candidates who have not progressed for at least a year, waiving the required proficiency between the degrees.

## CARRYOVER RESOLUTIONS FROM 2005

05-06 Seeks to establish that a motion to consider an emergent matter is debatable.

05-09 Would allow Lodges to store alcoholic beverages on Masonic property under certain safeguards and conditions.

## 2006 RESOLUTIONS

06-01 Will make offenses committed against Masonic affiliated organizations un-masonic conduct.

06-02 Will allow a Master Mason to be a Master, Warden or Secretary of a Regular Lodge and a Research Lodge at the same time.

06-03 Seeks to reduce the minimum required members for a new lodge from 25 to 15.

06-04 Seeks support for Masonic information and child id booths by the California Masonic Foundation.

06-05 Will reinstate the rule for forfeiture of fees and contributions for failure to advance.

06-06 Seeks to have the lectures in the cipher written with a bare minimum of key words in abbreviated form or in code, similar to the booklets authorized by the Grand Lodge of Arizona on May 17, 1994.

06-07 Will allow transfer of life memberships to the Grand Master's Lodge.

06-08 Would add members in good standing of the Masonic Youth Orders to the list of persons authorized to receive Masonic relief.

06-09 Will allow for rounding up of Lodge dues based in part on the annual Grand Lodge per capita.

## FROM THE SECRETARY

The time is fast approaching for our Officers to go to Grand Lodge Session, if you want to know the resolutions that will be voted on, we have a copy of them in the Lodge.

There are still several members who have not paid their 2006 dues.

Please make your reservations for our Stated Meeting Dinner by the Monday before the meeting, so that we can let the caterer know.

If you have moved or are about to move it is very important that you send or call in your new address and phone number. It costs the Lodge money every time that the Post Office has to forward your mail.

If you are planning on attending the Grand Masters Reception on Sept 02, 2006, we have tickets in the Lodge, just give me a call.

Hope to see you at the Lodge Meeting on Sept 07.

Fraternally, Johnny Johnson, Secretary

## LEGISLATION DISCUSSION

Worshipful Mike has called any interested parties to gather on September 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Sizzler on Aero Drive, just off the 15 to discuss the pending and proposed legislation for the upcoming Annual Communication. Dinner's on you but the fellowship is for all.

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historians, is the truth that Boaz and Jachin actually reflect a spiritual consequence, not a material reality. Some may dispute that contention and point to arguments that Jesus, a descendant of David and the priestly line, had brothers, sisters and at least one child, who allegedly had others whom today, while remaining unknown to all except a few, constitute the true bloodline. While such may or may not be true, the resolution of that issue is also unnecessary to fathoming the significance of the lily to Freemasons.

Purity and peace are two consequences of active love, which is the true essence of God. The House of David, while possibly of material relevance to this, or some subsequent generation, symbolizes that which should occupy a Freemason's primary attention – establishing a lasting relationship with the Deity. Such a relationship is meant to go beyond an intellectual engagement with the Divine Mind and result in the material acquisition of the essence of the Divine – love.

Mankind's history has been littered more with violence, destruction and hatred than it has been filled with times of pure peace. When Freemasons speak about the Kingdom of God they speak about a material environment wherein men, women and children may live in happiness, respect and peace. Love of others as another self is the required condition of purity so essential to peace, so necessary for happiness and so much at the core of every Masonic oath sworn to by every Freemason.

Some religions teach that the world will end and God will descend from the heavens to rule. Such lessons implant in the mind visions of a God fed up with mankind, angry with the repeated failures at achieving peace and prepared to impose His dominion on all creatures. Those He finds unworthy will, some believe, be cast aside as so much chaff among the wheat to burn in eternal damnation. Prophets and preachers from time immemorial have scared the human race with such stories about a whimsical God. But, that is not the behavior of love; that is not a just reaction; rather, that is the behavior of a tyrant, not a divinely loving God.

Freemasonry teaches that God is kind, gentle, beneficent, embracing, soothing, compassionate, sympathetic and forgiving. He invites us to Himself – He never forces Himself upon His creatures. When we respond, we discover a new life filled with concern for others,

for Nature and for the future – we discover God, our one and only King and High Priest symbolically presented to us in the lesson of the lily.

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

## FROM THE EAST

Brethren, as most of you know we had two First Degree conferrals in our Lodge on August 21st. All degrees at Blackmer Lodge start at 7.15 p.m. and go as long as necessary. Some of you might remember the night that, not that long ago, when we had three candidates and it was a looooooong evening.

This one was loooooong too. August is traditionally dark but, when needed, in Blackmer fashion, brethren got together and worked. It was a great enjoyment to witness good work of some of our members, having their first "public" performance, so to say in given roles: our Fellowcraft brother Lary Goertzer was Junior Stewart; Marc Kaufman was Senior Deacon, Paul Athy was Chaplain and delivered excellent Charge and Chris Quimpo was occupying the East obligating and opening and closing the Lodge in expert, flawless manner. If you did not have a chance yet, you owe it to yourself, to witness the skillful, heart and mind touching, superb delivery and slide presentation of the Lecture by Worshipful John Heisner.

Our new brethren Alexander Royter and Jimmy Faddis have started their Masonic life journey on a solid foundation with good expectations.

Evening was a wonderful Masonic experience for everybody present. Mihailo O'Zdravkovic

## BOOK SIGNING

There will be a book signing for John Heisner's book, *Meditations on Masonic Symbolism*, 9/28/06, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 pm, at Bay Book Store, 1029 Orange Avenue, Coronado.

John would love to have you there for this event where he will be pleased to make your copy of his book a personal treasure for you. Plan on attending if at all possible to support our Worshipful Brother John Heisner, PM.

## BIRTHDAYS

Milford Barnes	9/13
James Barron	9/23
Roland Camacho	9/10
Donald Clark	9/24
Jack Cruse	9/26
Charles Dickenson	9/13
Zane Feldman	9/08
James Guthrie	9/06
Craig Leff	9/05
Brian Marvel	9/05
William Newbern	9/23
Lewis Palmer	9/24
Craig Ross	9/03
Harold Thoman	9/08

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.

## DINING OUT

This month our dine out will be on Monday, September 11th. We will be dining out at Lido's Italian in Lemon Grove. The address is 7252 Broadway. 6:30 pm.

## COFFEE CUPS

Our Brother Secretary, Johnny Johnson has a treasure in the Lodge office just waiting for you to share. He has Blackmer Lodge coffee cups for \$5 each. Give him a call to purchase yours.

**SUPPORT YOUR LODGE AND ITS PROGRAMS.**

**YOUR ATTENDANCE IS NEEDED AND ENCOURAGED!**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD. IT SHOULD SAY "PAID THROUGH DECEMBER, 2006.**

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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**SEPTEMBER 2006 CALENDAR**

**SEPTEMBER**

- Sat 2nd** Grand Master's Reception and Mason of the Year at  
 Scottish Rite - 5:30 Social, 6:30 Dinner, 7:15 program  
 \$17.00 per person, call 619-741-6929 or 619-908-6257
- Mon 4th** Labor Day Holiday - be save and work hard
- Thurs 7th** **STATED MEETING** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
 Reservations must call 619-291-0465.
- Mon 11th** **DINE OUT FAMILY NIGHT at Lido's Italian Foods,**  
**7252 Broadway, Lemon Grove 619-469-9901, 6:30 pm**
- Wed 13th** Masonic Information Program, 6:00 Dinner, reservations  
 call 619-469-9901 or email sc@sroffice.sdcoxmail.com
- Thurs 14th** Officers' Practice, First Degree, 6:45 p.m.
- Mon 18th** First Degree or Practice, call Master 619-691-9516
- Thurs 21st** First Degree or Practice, call Master 619-691-9516
- Mon 25th** Inspector's School of Instruction - 7:00 p.m. - All officers  
 to attend unless excused by the Inspector, call him at 619-  
 461-5724
- Tues 26th** Legislation Discussion at Sizzler on Aero Dr. see page 2
- Thurs 28th** **BOOK SIGNING** - 6:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m at Bay Book  
 Store, 1029 Orange Avenue, Coronado - "Meditations on  
 Masonic Symbolism" by Worshipful John Heisner

**OCTOBER**

- Mon 2nd** Yom Kippur
- Thurs 5th** **Stated Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465.

**7th to 11th Grand Lodge Annual Communication**  
**SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING DINNER MENU**

- Chicken Parmesan and Honey Baked Ham
- Potatoes au Gratin and Green Beans Almandine
- Spring Mix Salad, Assorted Breads
- Double Scoop Ice Cream with Toppings
- Beverages



**You must call your reservations to Johnny at 619-291-0465**