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WHY IS THE MASTER ALWAYS IN THE EAST?

*"And yet you are a man and not a god,
however you may think yourself like a god."*

Ez. 28:2

God governs the world by authority and not by force. Were it otherwise, there would be no freedom or rule of law. One is free to be either believing, or unbelieving. Nothing and no one can compel any one of us to have faith. No scientific discovery, no argument of logic and no torture of body or mind can force us to believe anything, or even to accept the authority of the Supreme Architect of the Universe. However, once that authority is recognized and embraced, the powerless become powerful reminding us of the parable Jesus delivered about the mustard seed – a grain of faith is sufficient to move mountains.

The Master of a lodge of Freemasons represents that authority. During one segment of the ritual in a Masonic degree, the candidate is instructed that the Master is always stationed in the east, while the Senior and Junior Wardens are always stationed in the west and south respectively. The ritual does not explain why that is so and most sideline veterans of Masonic degrees are quick to suggest it is simply because that is the way it has always been. While that explanation is certainly true to a point, it is incomplete and wholly unenlightened.

To be something, to know something and to be capable of something is what empowers a person with authority, such as the Master of a lodge. When all is said, it is authority which is the true and unique power. Compulsion or force is merely an expedient which one may use to remedy a lack of authority. Where authority exists in its purest form one can sense and feel the breath of sacred magic filled by the fire of mysticism – the essence of that which is divine.

At his installation, the Master of a lodge is entrusted with a gavel and told by his installing officer that it is an emblem of his authority which he may wield on behalf of acts of great goodness, or greater evil. The point here symbolized is that true Masonic authority is wielded by the scepter and not by a weapon. Masonry's first Most Excellent Grand Master Solomon, King of Israel, is reported in

Masonic ritual to have wielded the *scepter* over Israel, not another weapon, and thus stands as the foremost example of how Masonic authority is, or should be exercised.

The Kabbalah teaches that all authority has its source in the ineffable name of deity –YHVH – and that all law derives from that name. The clear implication here, as well as in all Masonic lodges, is that the human bearer of authority does not replace divine authority. Rather, he renounces his own will and permits himself to conduct himself as a conduit for divine authority. Always stationed in the east, the Master renounces action, as opposed to obedience, ease in favor of duty and movement in favor of standing sentry. In other words, the Master is a guardian of his post and essentially guards the scepter.

The scepter is symbolized by the gavel, which further is symbolic of the restraint a Master must exercise, if his authority is ever to be effective. The Master who shouts down his opposition, yells to make his point, deviously politicizes his lodge, or blithely issues orders without logic or reason has not exercised that restraint. Instead, he has undertaken steps designed to deprive the brethren of freedom of the deity's loving guidance. A Master who is mindful that the gavel represents the scepter withholds his naturally impulsive nature so that it does not intervene and replace God as the head of the lodge.

The lesson of such restraint is not new as it applies to the Master, it is merely applied equally to the brother with authority, as well as to the brethren obligated to follow. Thus, it is not the individual who is predominant when Masonic authority is considered: it is the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Candidates are instructed throughout their Masonic journey that the compasses is a valuable instrument for teaching that in his dealing with other men, particularly other Masons, he is to circumscribe his desires and keep his passions within due bounds. That form of restraint inures to the direct benefit of the brother or individual who comes into direct contact with a Mason. The form of restraint applied to the Master is intended to benefit the entire lodge, the whole body of

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FROM THE SECRETARY

I hope everyone is having a enjoyable summer, as you can see the month of August is not very busy. I will be updating the lodge files to make sure the information I have is correct. The time is drawing near for the ballots to be tallied. If you have not mailed your ballot please do so, or if you have not received or lost it, please call me and I will send you a new one. We will be honoring one of most dedicated members on Sept. 10th, Past Master Galen Niedenfuehr, call the secretary for reservations lets have a great turn out for this special event.



BULLETIN BY EMAIL

We want YOU to begin receiving your bulletin by email, send a note saying "I'm in!" to Coren Andrews at ctandrews@ca.rr.com TELL YOUR BRETHREN

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brethren and, in turn, all those outside the lodge with whom each brother has contact.

When he obeys the responsible duty of always remaining at his station in the east, the Master signifies that he has made a place within himself for the divine name, YVHV, which is the source of true authority. He also signifies that he has not only renounced the freedom of physical movement, but also that of intellectual movement. It is intended within every lodge of Freemasonry that the void which results should be filled by the divine, that is movement physically and intellectually should only occur following prayerful consultation with the Supreme Architect.

By remaining at his station, the Master also signifies that he has renounced any personal mission, or effort to promote his own esteem. He has literally become anonymous. His name has given way to the ineffable name of the divine and he has thereby become the embodiment of lasting law and order.

A Master's obligation to exercise such restraint may best be supplemented by the following commands: (1) be humble and you will remain entire; (2) be worn and you will remain new; (3) be empty so that you may receive much from God; (4) chase not rewards that you may not be embarrassed; (5) avoid approving of yourself and become noted; (6) give glory to those around you that you may excel; and (7) compete not with your brethren, because there is no one who can compete with you – you have authority.

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

DINING OUT

Brother Harry is at it again. Traveling and thinking of more place to Dine Out. We got back from Pennsylvania on Friday the 20th, had a great family reunion, got to see some sights. Toured Philadelphia, saw the Liberty bell, spent the rest of the time in Lancaster County, Amish country.

Thought of our next Dine Out adventure. It will be on August 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Mimi's Cafe, 9812 Mission Gorge Road, Santee, CA 92071 - Tel. 619 562-2644

The restaurant is next door to the "Roadhouse Grill" where have already eaten.

CONSOLIDATION NEWS

The consolidation committees of both Blackmer Lodge and Crossroads Lodge have worked hard in coming to terms agreeable to both Lodges. The Consolidation Fact sheet was read in open lodge and a motion was made to accept the terms. The motion passed unanimously. Ballots have been sent. It is now up to you. Return your ballot as soon as possible. Every vote is important to the future of our lodge. If you haven't already done so, SEND IN YOUR BALLOT!

MASON OF THE YEAR

Harry Besnoy is Mason of the Year.

When love and skill work together for the good of our lodge, sometimes we can expect a masterpiece. Even short of that, however, we can always expect and readily appreciate timely and capable help from Brother Harry Besnoy. He helps us often. He helps us always. The more he wants to get things done for Blackmer Lodge, the less he calls it work.

Recently named Blackmer's 2007 Mason of the Year, this hard-working Hiram Award winning holder (1996) has served conscientiously as Junior Steward, Senior Steward, Junior Deacon and Tiler. A native New Yorker, Harry was raised as a Master Mason in Island City Lodge #586, Elmhurst, New York, and demitted to Blackmer Lodge in May 1983.

Resourceful, dedicated, caring, capable and kind, his beautiful Masonic work praises this Brother - rides giver, Lodge repairman, Dine-out Chairman, comfort giver, one-man phone tree.

Service-focused Harry Besnoy thrives best on congenial labor. He loves what he does as a Mason, and he feels that it matters. We do too. Harry's fraternal success is because his best Blackmer effort is honorable and constant. We admire him for that.

Scottish Rite, August 31, 2007 - Dinner at 6:30 p.m. - \$20 per person - call John McQuown for reservations at 858-452-4204.



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BIRTHDAYS

Edward Cook	8/22
James Furrh, Jr.	8/16
Charles Hoffman	8/7
Gary Hollcraft	8/07
Perry Hooper	8/05
Matt Kaufman	8/16
Kenneth Littrel	8/21
Ernest Miller	8/07
C. Robert Millhouse	8/10
Robert Newman	8/08
Alex Royter	8/23
Sam Rubino	8/29
Mark Sandoval	8/14
Melvin Stanley	8/26
David Tobias	8/07
Adam Torres	8/04
Paul Wilton	8/02

Average age = 61.8 years old
 Oldest = 96 years old
 Youngest = 24 years old

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.



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 LODGE AND ITS
 PROGRAMS.**

**YOUR
 ATTENDANCE IS
 NEEDED AND
 ENCOURAGED!**

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GALEN NIEDENFUEHR			
			Monday September 10, 2007 Dinner at 6:30 P.M.
Scottish Rite Center 1895 Camino Del Rio South San Diego, California			
			Dinner \$15.00 <small>(not tax deductible)</small>
		Blackmer Lodge #442 Mike Zdravkovic, PM, Master Arnold Korey, Secretary 619-291-0465	
	All Masons, their families and friends are invited to this celebration honoring Galen Niedenfuehr		
			Reservations Call Arnold Korey 619-291-0465

OUTDOOR THIRD DEGREE

Temecula Catalina Island Lodge hosted its 13th annual outdoor Third Degree and Tri-tip BBQ on Saturday, July 21. It was really a very good degree and the setting was outstanding, outdoors among the oak trees, sunny and with a slight breeze to keep us cool enough unless you wanted to sit in the sun. We were all relaxed and enjoyed the Degree. The Master of the Lodge was Master in the first section, Senior Deacon in the second

section and then gave the Lecture in LONG form. He did very well. The Chaplain gave the longest Third Degree Charge I have ever heard. And, of course, the tri-tip lunch was EXCELLENT. Try to make it next year if you can.

WE HAD THE PLEASURE

With the assistance of Wbr. Alvarez and Wbr. Concepcion, we had the pleasure of Raising Brother Delmar to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on July 15th. Congratulations, Brother Delmar.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD. IT SHOULD SAY "PAID THROUGH DECEMBER, 2007."

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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AUGUST 2007 CALENDAR

August

Thurs 5th **STATED MEETING** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Reservations must call 619-291-0465.

Mon 6th **DINING OUT AT MIMI'S IN SANTEE - see article**

Thurs 9th **Dark**

Mon 13th **Dark**

Thurs 16th **Dark**

Sat 18th **All Masonic Picnic at Adm. Baker Field. See Secretary for parking passes - No charge**

Mon 20th **Dark**

Thurs 23rd **Dark**

Mon 27th **Dark**

Thurs 30th **Dark**

Fri 31st **Mason of the Year - Harry Besnoy**
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September

Mon 1st **LABOR DAY**

Thurs 6th **Stated Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Reservations please call 619-291-0465.

Mon 10th **SPECIAL RECOGNITION EVENT FOR GALEN NIEDENFUEHR, Scottish Rite, 6:30 p.m. \$15.00**

AUGUST STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Chicken Kabobs and Mahi Mahi
Potatoes Au Gratin and Grilled Mixed Vegetables
Fresh Fruit Cups, Assorted Rolls
Beverages and Double Scoop Ice Cream with Toppings



You must call your reservations to Arnie at 619-291-0465



THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT - OPPOSITES UNITED

From the book - symbols of FREEMASONRY by Daniel Beresniak

THE MOSAIC PAVEMENT, OR CHECKERED FLOOR, HAS BLACK AND WHITE SQUARES, LIKE A CHESSBOARD. IT CAN' BE SEEN ON THE floor in the centre of the lodge where its role is to make us think about opposites, how they contradict and complement each other. Apprentices are generally asked to study this subject. Masonic texts of the eighteenth century refer to the mosaic pavement as “Moses’ pavement” or “the lodge’s marvellous floor”. In Pritchard’s *Masonry Dissected* (1730), the mosaic square is considered to be both the floor of the lodge and the paving stones of the temple. Other texts claim: “It is the tiling on which the high priest walked in Solomon’s temple.” However, this allusion can be disputed, for the mosaic pavement does not have Hebraic origins.

It first appeared in the first century B.C. in Rome. At that time, the term was used for mosaics decorating natural or artificial caves, and fountains. Dedicated to the Muses, the nine goddesses of the arts, such places of rest and relaxation were called *musaea*. The decorations found here were known as *musium opus*, abbreviated to *mussinum*. This is where the word mosaic comes from, not to be confused with Moses. In the past, a tracing board would be drawn on the floor with chalk when work began. The modern tracing board is a painted canvas, and since it is rolled out onto the floor, it is often referred to as the carpet. It shows all the Masonic objects in the temple: two pillars topped with pomegranates framing a piece of rough stone, called ashlar; a square stone with a point; the Moon and the Sun; a square and compasses; a plumb line; a plumb rule; a gavel and chisel; and the trestle board. Around these symbols is a knotted rope. This is what the tracing boards of Apprentices would generally look like, but they vary according to the different degrees and rites.

OUR CALIFORNIA MASONIC CODE

§807.000. STATED MEETINGS.

A Lodge shall hold a Stated Meeting for the transaction of business once in each calendar month, on the date (other than a Sunday) and at the time established in its Bylaws. The foregoing notwithstanding, Lodges whose Bylaws provide for meetings fixed by the phase of the moon shall hold a Stated Meeting for the transaction of business once in each lunar month, and Mountain Range Lodge No. 18, Gravel Range Lodge No. 59, Harmony Lodge No. 164, Sierra Valley Lodge No. 184 and Truckee Lodge No. 200 shall only be required to hold a Stated Meeting for the transaction of business once in each of 10 calendar months during the year, as it may provide in its Bylaws.

A Lodge may be opened for a Stated Meeting prior to the time fixed in its Bylaws. However, no business shall be transacted prior to such time.

The Inspector or Grand Master may grant a dispensation to change the date of a Stated Meeting, as provided Section 405.060 of this Code.

In the event that the Master of a Lodge determines that inclement weather, including ice, snow, and flood conditions, existing on the day established in the Bylaws of the Lodge for its Stated Meeting, makes it hazardous for members of the Lodge to attend the meeting, he may, with the consent of the Inspector of the district to which the Lodge is assigned, postpone the Stated Meeting to the same day of the week next following the week scheduled for the Stated Meeting. The Master shall notify, to the extent possible, all members of the Lodge residing within fifty miles of the meeting place of the Lodge of the date of the postponed Stated Meeting.

Should a Stated Meeting be postponed, the business transacted at the postponed Stated Meeting shall be limited to the reading of the minutes of the last Stated and subsequent Special Meetings, action thereon, payment of the invoices of the Lodge, and such other business of an important nature as determined by the Master to require immediate consideration. No other new business shall be considered.

[Source: Sections 16030, 16010 and 16100 of the 1991 California Masonic Code.]



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