

Blackmer Lodge

Bulletin



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Blackmer Lodge #442, Free and Accepted Masons, California, USA

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WISDOM



*"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God,
that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not;
and it shall be given him."*

Jas. 1:5

In Ancient Craft Masonry, wisdom is symbolized by the East, the place of light, being represented by the pillar that stands in the east as a support of the Lodge and by the Worshipful Master. Wisdom is also referred to King Solomon, famed as the wisest man in history and the legendary founder of the Order. Indeed, in Speculative Masonry, King Solomon is routinely represented as wisdom throughout the ritual. Emphasis is also placed upon the conception of wisdom as the Divine power standing between the Creator and the creation, as the creative energy of Deity; *true wisdom is sought of God*. These conceptions were also adopted into the secret doctrines of the Templars.

The lessons in Masonry teach us that it is necessary to have wisdom to contrive, but we may correctly as what it is we are to contrive in our daily lives. Above all else, Masonry invites us to reflect upon the dignity of human nature and the vast powers and capacities of the human soul. Health and sickness, joy and sorrow, success and disappointment, life and death are familiar words, and yet we often do not the depths to which they point within each one of us.

We seem never to know what anything means until we have lost it. Too frequently, we fail to appreciate the wealth of meaning in the fond sayings of parent, child and friend until they are taken from us. Yet, to the wise nothing that is truly loved is ever

lost. When taken from them, the loving friendship and closeness of the beloved departed is forever sealed in the fondest memories.

True wisdom recognizes the fleeting nature of earthly existence and vast immortality of our spiritual beings. Our lives are lived here on Earth as we choose while eternity yawns before us. Amidst the unseen presence of our ever loving God, each man's mind gives to him the character by which he may judge how well he has lived and how worthy he is of eternal life. The wise man despises selfishness, apathy, indifference and inaction. It is these that make men and Masonry ineffectual, as if like the pyramids they were dotting of age and had forgotten the memory of the best traits most admired in those who have gone before us.

To better embrace wisdom, a Mason may seek to revive within himself those faded impressions of generosity and self sacrifice. No man can suffer and be patient, struggle and conquer, improve and be happy without conscience, hope, and a complete reliance on a just, wise and beneficent God. If you will cling to the great truths taught by Masonry and live by them, you may be assured of the greatest happiness during this life. The best reward may well be found in the joy given to others by your generosity. It is your reward now and for all eternity.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe
Bless You with His Wisdom,
John R. Heisner

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2003 LEGISLATION

GRAND MASTER HOLSINGER'S DECISIONS

1. Advertising and Public Relations by Lodges **passed**

GRAND MASTER HOLSINGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. One Day Conferrals **carry-over**
2. Flexible Dates for Annual Communication **carry-over**
3. Finance Committee Duties **passed**
4. CMMT Restructure **passed**

CARRY-OVERS FROM 2002 (GRAND MASTER WHITAKER'S RECOMMENDATIONS)

1. Safeguards for Lodge Finances and Investments **failed**
4. Changing Name of California Masonic Memorial Temple to California Masonic Memorial Center **failed**

2002 CARRY-OVER RESOLUTIONS

- 02-01 Alternative Dues Structure **passed**
- 02-06 Changes Name of Grand Lodge Temple Properties and Taxation Committee **passed**
- 02-07 Requires Temple Associations for Real Property **passed**

2003 RESOLUTIONS

- 03-01 Allows Lodges and Masonic organizations to participate in gambling activities permitted under California State law. **failed**
- 03-02 Reduces Stated Meeting quorum from seven to five. **carry-over**
- 03-03 Allows Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts to withdraw and modifies the procedure for them to transfer to another Lodge. **failed**
- 03-04 Allows Lodge members to nominate candidates for membership. **failed**
- 03-05 Makes affiliated Past Masters from other jurisdictions members of Grand Lodge. **failed**
- 03-06 Changes ballot on affiliations to a simple majority voice vote. **failed**
- 03-07 Changes instructions before the Obligations to "Your full name". **failed**
- 03-08 Adds an instruction to the newly obligated Brother on his return to the Lodge in the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Degrees. **failed**
- 03-09 Authorizes one day classes. **withdrawn**
- 03-10 Establishes a Masonic Apron for 50 and 75 year members. **passed**
- 03-11 Allows California Masons to belong to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. **failed**
- 03-12 Limits Admission to the Masonic Home for Children at Covina to the sons and daughters of Master Masons. **failed**

OTHER GRAND LODGE INFORMATION

Howard Kirkpatrick Grand Master
David Doan Deputy Grand Master
Frederick Sorsabal Senior Grand Warden
Melvyn Stein Junior Grand Warden
Warren Bloomseth, PGM Grand Treasurer
John Cooper Grand Secretary
Harold Macy Grand Lecturer

Raymond Davies Grand Chaplain
Robert Rowan AGL, Division I
A. Glenn Mac Bride AGL, Division II
Vernon Dandridge AGL, Division III
Jack Rose AGL, Division IV
E. Dale Armstrong AGL, Division V
George Geanoulis Grand Orator
Allan Casalou Assistant Grand Secretary
Myron Tisdell Grand Marshal
H. Conald Young Grand Standard Bearer
Stanley Ball Grand Sword Bearer
Lynn Wallingford Grand Bible Bearer
Richard Sutherland Senior Grand Deacon
Edmond Bergeron Junior Grand Deacon
Douglas Veale Senior Grand Steward
Felipe Leon Junior Grand Steward
Juan Garduno Grand Pursuivant
Joseph Von Beczy Grand Organist
Lloyd Garbutt Grand Tiler
Christopher Morris ... Assistant Grand Organist
Donald Taylor, Sr. Assistant Grand Tiler

Per capita for November 1, 2004 to October 31, 2005 was adopted at \$25.00.
There were 328 of the 363 chartered lodges represented.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

We are trying to contact the Brothers that would like to attend Lodge meetings but cannot drive at night. We are trying to make arrangements to have one of our brothers pick you up and bring you to the meeting. If you would like to attend Lodge but cannot drive at night Please give us a call (619)291-0465 and we will do our best to get you to Lodge.

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.

Brother **Arnold Korey** has recently been coroneted 33rd degree in Scottish Rite. Congratulations Brother Korey and thank you for your dedication

PLEASE, if you move, let the Lodge know. We need to update records at the Lodge and with Grand Lodge with your new address and phone number.

Send your dues to the office as soon as possible. Timely receipt of dues makes your Secretary's job much less stressful!

Fraternally, Johnny Johnson, Secretary

ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 11, 2003
7:30 PM

JOHN HEISNER
WORSHIPFUL MASTER-ELECT

MASONIC HOMES 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!

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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.

PIZZA KNIGHT

Building on the success of past Pizza KNights, Mike and his pizza people will meet for another Monday evening get-together with salads, sodas, pizzas, November 10th at 6:30 p.m. at Tierrasanta 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 will share the cost of salads, sodas and pizzas.

BIRTHDAYS

Mark Brandon	11/22
David Butler	11/23
Dudley Chambers	11/27
Harry Crystal	11/17
Frank Hass	11/02
Gerald Hoeg	11/26
Bob Humphrey	11/17
Arnold Korey	11/23
William Lingo, Jr. PM	11/23
N. Bert McIntosh, Jr	11/11
Milton Meyers	11/22
Elon Phillips	11/04
George Prout	11/09
James Quinn, Jr.	11/03
Robert Schmidt	11/05
Thomas Swift	11/08
David Vogel	11/19
Bruce Witte	11/16

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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 makes them better. Tell a friend!*

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NOVEMBER 2003, CALENDAR

- November**
- Mon 3rd** Dark
 - Thurs 6th** **Stated Meeting and Annual Election of Officers** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations please call 619-291-0465.
 - Mon 10th** Pizza KNight, 6:30 Tierrasanta Roundtable, 10415 Tierrasanta Blvd.
 - Thurs 13th** Officers' Practice, Third Degree, TENTATIVE at 6:30pm
 - Mon 17th** Officers' Practice, Third Degree, TENTATIVE at 6:30pm
 - Thurs 20th** **THIRD DEGREE, TENTATIVE**
 - Mon 24th** Masters Conference with Inspector
 - Tues 25th** Senior and Junior Wardens Conference
 - Thurs 27th** **Thansgiving - enjoy the holiday!**

- December**
- Mon 1st**
 - 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.**

NOVEMBER STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

The following has been requested for our October Dinner
 Honey Baked Ham and Roast Turkey
 Mashed Potatoes and Baked Yams
 Garden Vegetable Pasta Salad
 Croissants and Pumpkin Pie
 Breads and Beverages