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THE MYSTIC TIE

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
for brethren to dwell together in unity!"*

Ps. 133:1

Many symbols and tenets of Freemasonry are termed mystical, because they are known and understood only by those who have been given the rites of the Order. In a similar sense, the term "Mystic Tie" refers to the sacred and inviolable bond which unites members of the Fraternity in the esoteric doctrines of Freemasonry. This tie grows out of the vows of eternal brotherhood, irrespective of differences in race, religion, or nationality. Men of the most discordant opinions in other matters are united in one fellowship, meet at one altar, unite their energies in the one great Masonic objective - charity - and are appropriately called "Brethren of the Mystic Tie."

We are reminded of that tie during the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree, as the candidate is conducted once around the lodge room to demonstrate to the Worshipful Master and brethren that he is duly and truly prepared for inclusion in membership. As the initiate takes his vows, we are also reminded as the cable tow is removed that the physical ties are of lesser significance to the spiritual ties of eternal loyalty and brotherly affection. Such spiritual ties are emblematic of the tender-

ness with which the Supreme Architect embraces all of his children with the affluence of His love. The Mason who cares for his brother awakens within him a knowledge of how much he actually cares for God.

Our "Mystic Tie," unlike the silver chord that is severed upon our death releasing us forever from earthly connections, once forged is never broken. As reminders of that truth, we celebrate memorials for our departed brethren and, in part, unite ourselves with their passing to the celestial Lodge above. We are also reminded of our ties to brethren long ago departed when we read the rich Masonic literature, explore the deeds of great Masons from the past, and marvel at the institutional charities Masonry has extended from days long before any of us were born. Indeed, the very practice of our Masonic ritual reminds each one of us that we shall all participate in the greatest mystery of all - the gift of eternal life. We must accept men as God has made them and the world as he has made it and make the best we can of all.

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Despite the recent nationwide decline in membership, Freemasonry is actually experiencing a greater productivity from its active members than ever before. While several Masonic leaders up and down the State have clamored for more members, many others have simply girded their loins, gathered the faithful and worked hard at strengthening Masonic character. So, too, have the officers and brethren of Blackmer Lodge.

While the need for new membership cannot be ignored, your Lodge is committed to building upon the traditions, ritual and charities that have distinguished the character of Freemasonry from that of other worthwhile organizations from time immemorial. We are fortunate to have a strong core of Past Masters, who have not permitted their zeal for the Order to diminish. No less than three have committed themselves to working in the line of officers. Others serve on committees or offer sage wisdom to those who do serve. Blackmer brethren who are leaders within other Masonic orders, such as Scottish Rite, York Rite, Eastern Star, Sciots, Shrine and Knights Templar serve your Lodge and help other brethren to understand the importance of the Blue Lodge as the very foundation of Freemasonry. In short, Blackmer Lodge is energized to offer the best example of Masonic excellence of which it is capable.

As the year unfolds, you will have the opportunity to hear from Masonic speakers, receive Masonic education, enjoy exemplary Masonic ritual, experience Masonic fellowship, serve Masonic charities and learn about other Masonic bodies. If these are of interest to you, and well they should be, please mark your calendars with the events and activities noted in your monthly Bulletins. If you have not attended Lodge for awhile and fear that you may be embarrassed because you have forgotten our modes of recognition, set that concern aside. We welcome you with all of the dignity, respect and appreciation due each one of us who are bound together in this sacred Fraternity.

John R. Heisner, Master



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

Congratulations to the newly installed officers of Blackmer Lodge 442. We had our Installation on December 11, 2003, Worshipful Richard Saldano as Installing Master and Worshipful Galen Niedenfuehr as Installing Marshal did an excellent Installation.

Worshipful Heisner's wife Margo is to be congratulated on the excellent Buffet before Installation.

We are receiving dues for 2004. If you have not paid your dues yet, please take a few minutes and send it in now. I have noticed that many of our Brothers that send in their dues have their Social Security Numbers printed on their checks. Brothers that is not a very good ideal! The people who are identity thieves have every thing they need to steal your identity. It is recommended that you do not even carry your Social Security card in your wallet. Ladies should not carry it in their purse.

Our new Master, John Heisner, has several projects/functions lined up for 2004. This should be an excellent year, so why don't you try to attend our functions/meetings.

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.

Fraternally, Johnny Johnson, Secretary

JANUARY STATED MEETING *NOTICE OF CHANGE*

Hear ye, Hear ye. Because our regularly scheduled Stated Meeting will fall on January 1st, which is a holiday, our Bylaws dictate that our Stated Meeting for January will be held on the following Monday. This means that **January's Stated Meeting is on Monday, January 5, 2004** and NOT on Thursday, January 1, 2004.

PIZZA KNIGHT

The first pizza Knight of the year will be on Monday, January 26th. Worshipful John, invites all the Brethren and Ladies and family to join in the evenings get-together to enjoy pizza, salads, and soda as well as excellent conversation and fellowship. We assemble at 6:30 p.m. at Tierrasanta Roundtable, 10415 Tierrasanta Blvd. We will share the cost of salads, sodas and pizzas.

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!

BIRTHDAYS

William Anderson	1/02
Harry Arnoff	1/02
James Barker	1/08
Donald Callard	1/06
Duane Ely, PM	1/07
Jonas Feurzeig	1/11
Henry Horton III	1/12
Thomas Jewell	1/19
Harry Kessler	1/26
Jerome Klein	1/25
Steven Leapman	1/18
Charles McFarland	1/11
Barry Messer	1/24
John Midgett	1/22
Willard Ohland	1/22
Roger Parker, PM	1/31
Gary Parks, PM	1/21
Robert Reuillard	1/07
John Ridgway, Jr.	1/15
Wyley Shelton	1/24
John Simzisko	1/07
Harold Thurber, Jr.	1/08
George Wixen	1/03

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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JANUARY 2004, CALENDAR

January

- Thurs 1st** NEW YEARS DAY. HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- Mon 5th** Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:15 p.m.
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465. Al Kelner will be our guest
 and speak on the York Rite Bodies. Drawing for free Stated
 Meeting Dinner.
- Thurs 8th** Dark
- Mon 12th** Officers' Practice: First Degree, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs 15th** Dark
- Mon 19th** Candidate Coaches' School at East San Diego, 7 p.m.
 All Candidates' Coaches and Senior Warden
- Thurs 22nd** Darius-San Diego Chapter, York Rite
- Mon 26th** ISI, 442 works the First Degree and long close
- Thurs 29th** Officers' Practice: Set 3rd Degree roles, Third
 Degree, Second Section 6:30 p.m.

February

- Mon 2nd** Pizza KNight at Tierrasanta Round Table, 10415
 Tierrasanta Blvd, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs 5th** Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465. Greg Maizlish will
 be our speaker on "Masons in History". Drawing for
 baseball tickets in the new ballpark.

JANUARY STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

- Old Fashioned Meat Loaf and Meat Lasagna
- Scalloped Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables
- Spring Mix Salad and Assorted Rolls
- Banquet Cake
- Beverages