

# Blackmer Lodge

# Bulletin



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## THE INDENTED TESSEL

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the  
evidence of things not seen."*

Heb. 11:1

In the Entered Apprentice Degree, the initiate's attention is directed to the "Ornaments of the Lodge," consisting of the mosaic pavement, the indented tessel and the blazing star. The mosaic pavement is said to be emblematic of human life checkered with good and evil, teaching us that humanity is imperfect and at once capable of great works of charity and terrifying acts of genocide, infanticide and brutality. Yet, while journeying through this vale of tears, incapable of escaping the terror of humanity, we are also reminded by the indented tessel that we may be set free by a faithful reliance upon divine providence, hieroglyphically represented by the Blazing Star.

Such a faithful reliance by Noah when warned by God of a vast flood not yet seen not only saved his life, but made him an heir of righteousness. When Abraham was called to go out to a place he had never known, he was rewarded for his faithfulness by God's covenant to treat Abraham's descendants also as heirs. Isaac was spared by the faithful reliance of his father upon God's promise. Moses led an entire population from slavery by a faithful reliance upon God. Jesus spoke about the kingdom of God being within each man and each woman who professes faith in the Deity. Freemasonry

embodies this same truth in its symbolic lesson about the indented tessel.

The initiate is taught that the beautiful tessellated border or skirting that surrounded the mosaic pavement was emblematic of the manifold blessings and comforts he should hope to enjoy by a faithful reliance upon divine providence. In that such faithfulness may be best illustrated by Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jesus, it is not likely that Masonry is speaking about wealth and riches when it speaks about manifold blessings and comforts. Theirs was a faith in seeking, knowing and doing the will of the Supreme Architect and thereby enjoying the benefits of whatever was given by God in return.

This symbol suggests to the discerning mind that even suffering may be a manifold blessing and comfort, perhaps not to he who suffers, but perhaps to others. Since the beginning of time, wars have been fought and lives lost that others might live. Men and women have sustained diseases incurable during their short lifetime, but which when studied during their illnesses led to discoveries in medicine that cured entire future populations. An entire generation suffered through the Great Depression with little or nothing in the way of material comfort to subsequently teach us the virtues of thrift and social responsibility for helping those who cannot help themselves. The greatest

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EAST

Behind every good Mason is a better woman. This Valentine's Day, February 14, 2004, please remember to honor that special mother, wife, daughter, granddaughter, or close friend in your life with a telephone call, greeting card, gift, or dinner out. Far too often, a Mason's busy schedule at work and in the Lodge keeps him away from those who love him best and we should, each one of us, take this opportunity to show our love and appreciation in a very special manner.

While it is true that women cannot be Masons, it is equally true that there would be no Masons without women. Do you know that the menus chosen for our Stated Meetings are selected by the ladies of our Lodge? Have you noticed that the Masonic events you recently attended were often organized and artfully decorated by the women who care so much for us? Did you thank the young women who last served you at the Stated Meeting dinner?

This month Blackmer Lodge No. 442 pays tribute to our Lodge ladies, many of whom have demonstrated the greatest strength and courage in times of trial and tribulation. While there are many who fall into that category, I wish to extend my personal Valentine's Day greeting to Pat Saldano and Betty Korey. Each has been a strength and support to their respective husbands, Richard and Arnie, who have contributed in so many ways to the continued success of Blackmer Lodge and California Freemasonry. Pat and Betty have also offered us examples of graciousness in times of difficulty, character traits worthy of any Mason, or his Lady!

Please make your reservations with our Secretary, Bro. Johnny Johnson, for our February Stated Meeting dinner. Remember to bring your lady and begin Valentine's month the right way -by giving her a night out and away from the kitchen.

John Heisner, WM



*The Indented Tessel - from page 1*

contributions to the progress of mankind have come from men and women who have sacrificed to work long hours instead of enjoying longer hours of leisure.

Masonry's greatest "secret" is founded upon a hope and belief in something we cannot ever know for certain to be absolute - future life. Is future life a manifold blessing, a comfort? Is it something you know to be true, or believe in all faithfulness to be true? Is faith the strength to believe when there is no physical evidence to support the belief? Masonic writers have scoured the ages examining Egyptian Mysteries, Mithraic Mysteries, Hebraic teachings, Greek philosophy, dogmas from the Orient and Christian writings to offer a glimpse into the steadfastness all people who partook in each discipline demonstrated in both practicing their respective faith, and in passing it down through time. None knew God, nor future life, yet each by faith believed each to be a truth. It is by their faith that we the living have benefited. It is by our faith that those who shall follow us will know the truths of God, the universe and ourselves. We are that indented tessel. The manifold blessings and comforts that we enjoy are those enjoyed by others, which is the real gift of God to His creatures. Have you done God's work today?

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe  
Bless You

John Heisner



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## FROM THE SECRETARY

We are busy getting the year end closed. There are still several members who have not paid their dues for 2004. Please do so as soon as possible.

When you call the office and leave a message, PLEASE speak slowly and repeat your phone number twice. I cannot return your call if I don't know who you are and cannot figure out your phone number.

Your Officers are working with several new Candidates and we should be having degrees in the near future. Keep watching the Bulletin for dates and time.

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

## PIZZA KNIGHT

OK, OK, I messed up in the last bulletin and had the wrong date for Pizza Knight in this article. It was correct in the calendar. Oh, well, at least we now know that there are a couple of you out there that read the bulletin and have checked out the website. The second Pizza Knight of the year won't be a Pizza Knight it will be a Mexican Food Night on March first. We will all assemble at a place to be determined. Worshipful John, invites all the Brethren and Ladies and family to join in the evenings get-together to enjoy dinner and excellent conversation and fellowship. More details to follow.

## 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!

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Johnny Johnson and Joyce Johnson for the photo cards they prepared for the Officers. The are great and we appreciate them.

## FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Please remind him to put his tie on, in case he forgets.

## BIRTHDAYS

Hatim Askar	2/18
Ralph Barnes, PM	2/09
Thomas Buckel	2/08
Harry Cattrell	2/13
Frederick Cawthorne	2/01
Kenneth DeVault	2/01
Richard Disraeli	2/26
Thomas Hom	2/15
Errol Kader	2/27
Richard McKee	2/15
Greg Maizlish	2/24
Guy Michael	2/15
Tommy Nilson, PM	2/18
Charles Reid	2/12
Norman Ross	2/07
Bernard Surovsky	2/06
Joseph Van Holst	2/04

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.



**SUPPORT YOUR  
LODGE AND ITS  
PROGRAMS .  
YOUR  
ATTENDANCE IS  
NEEDED AND  
ENCOURAGED !**

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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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**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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*Freemasonry seeks good men and  
 makes them better. Tell a friend!*

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**FEBRUARY 2004, CALENDAR**

- 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 6:15 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 ball park.**
  - Mon 9th** **Officers' Practice: Third Degree, 6:30 p.m.**
  - Thurs 12th** **Proficiency and Third Degree for Paul Warren. Open at 7:00 p.m.**
  - Mon 16th** **Officers' Practice: Second Degree, 6:30 p.m.**
  - Thurs 19th** **Proficiency and Second Degree for David Nobles. Open at 7:00 p.m. If not ready, we will be dark**
  - Mon 23th** **ISI, 442 hosts 561 who will do Second Degree, call down and up and long close, 7:00 p.m. Officers, call Inspector if you cannot be there.**
  - Thurs 26th** Darius-San Diego Chapter, York Rite
- March**
- Mon 1st** Mexican Food Night, place TBA, 6:30 p.m.
  - Thurs 4th** **Stated Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations please call 619-291-0465. Inspector's Official Visit. Jose DeLuna will speak at dinner and we will have a drawing for a free dinner.
- FEBRUARY STATED MEETING DINNER MENU**
- Sliced Roast Beef and Roasted Chicken
  - Scalloped Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables
  - Assorted Rolls and Apple Crumb Cake
  - Beverages