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THE CORNERSTONE

*"The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."
Ps. 118:22-23*

The cornerstone is placed in the corner of two walls in a building, and is considered by Operative Masons as the most important stone in the edifice. In Masonic Buildings, it is now required that this stone be placed in the northeast corner. Among the ancients the cornerstone of important edifices was laid with impressive ceremonies. Amidst solemn prayers and acts of consecration, dignitaries acted in concert to lay the ponderous stone to its resting place.

The symbolism of the cornerstone is full of significance as to form, situation, permanence and consecration. As to its form, it must be perfectly square on its surfaces and its solid contents a cube. The square is a symbol of morality, and the cube of truth. The situation at the corner of the north and east, the north representing darkness and the east light, represents Masonic progress from darkness to light; from ignorance to knowledge. Its permanence and durable quality, lasting beyond the decay of the building, reminds us that this earthly tabernacle we call the body shall have passed away, eternal life, the cornerstone of immortality, shall lift us into the presence of Divine Light. The proper setting of the stone by the implements of Operative Masonry - the square, the level,

and the plumb - reminds each Mason that his virtues must be tested by temptation and trial, by suffering and adversity, and that he must be declared "well formed, true and trusty" by the Master Builder before he can become "a living stone for that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The stone is then set apart by pouring upon its surface corn, wine, and oil, emblematic of the nourishment, refreshment, and joy which are to be the rewards of a faithful performance of duty.

When we properly reflect upon the lessons taught by the cornerstone, we readily recognize that they embody all that is taught in Masonry. From a firm foundation built upon prayer, sacrifice and brotherly love, a Mason who uses the tools of the Craft to better the lives of those around him is assured that he is correctly doing the work of the Master Builder. He who so acts during his earthly existence is assured of receiving the Divine approval - "well done my true and faithful servant." To no loftier goal does the true Mason aspire.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe Bless You,

John R. Heisner, P.M.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

We hope you had a very wonderful Holiday, and we wish you a joyous New Year.

We will be having a First Degree on Jan 20th. Would like to see a big turn out for this degree.

VERY IMPORTANT—IF YOU MOVE PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR NEW ADDRESS. It costs your Lodge almost a dollar to have your mail forwarded.

We would like to see more of our Ladies at the Stated Meeting Dinner, Please make sure you call in your reservations to 619-291-0465

Reminder!
When you receive your dues notice, remember that dues for Blackmer Lodge are composed of two sections. The part that the Lodge keeps and the part that the Lodge sends to Grand Lodge. As a member of the Lodge, you are responsible for both parts. When you send in your "dues", your check needs to include both the Lodge's part AND Grand Lodge's part.

If you have any questions please call me.

Fraternally, Johnny Johnson



TO MY FRIENDS.....

Take a moment from your day to learn a few good lessons...

- Always try to help a friend in need.
- Remember, on a bad day you are almost never alone!
- Close your eyes and smile at least once a day!
- Hold onto good friends, they are few and far between!
- Laugh often.
- Don't be overly concerned with your weight, it's just a number!
- Indulge in the things you truly love.
- Always try to see the glass half full.
- Meet new people, even if they look different than you.
- Remain Calm -- even when it seems hopeless.
- Take lots of naps...
- RELAX!!
- Keep your head up.
- Enjoy expensive toys often.
- Never be ashamed...
- There is always someone who loves you more than you know.
- It will get better.
- Give it your all.
- Be weird whenever you have the chance.
- Always be up for surprises.
- PRAY
- Love someone with all of your heart.
- Cherish every Sunday!
- Love your friends, no matter who they are.



2004-2005 Annual Giving Campaign

Whether you visit www.freemason.org or return the pledge card you receive in the mail, this year will be among the most important in memory for our Grand Lodge annual giving campaign. According to Steffani Kizziar, Director of Program Development for the Masonic Homes, "We are seeing an unprecedented number of Masons, wives and widows in need of Masonic relief this year." Masonic Outreach Services (MOS) is a critical way whereby we as Masons support our most needy. For Masons who have never made a gift, this year is a great year to start. Those who have not made gifts in recent memory, please come back to us. We need everyone to join us to be sure no brother Mason, his wife or widow is left behind. Next month we will highlight the new programs of the California Masonic Foundation.

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FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Ladies, Here we go again. A new Masonic Lodge year is upon us and it should hopefully be a productive and pleasant one. Thank you for sending me to the East once again. One hopes that I will get it right sooner or later. The Officers of your Lodge hope to provide you with the leadership and programs to keep Blackmer Lodge active and viable this year and in future years.

The three senior officers of your Lodge are all Past Masters at least once. While this is not necessarily a bad thing, it is a sign that the Lodge needs, for want of a better phrase, "new blood". And, I believe we have this in several of our 2005 officers who have stepped forward to take an active part in the Lodge and the Officers' line. We need more of these members to actively participate in the management of the Lodge.

We have a superb Lodge that has a wonderful history, and one that has every right to continue. We need your help. Make a commitment to come to Lodge at least once a month. Stated Meetings will be short and sometimes even entertaining. We will be having some degrees, make your presence known to the candidate. You must have appreciated the sideliners at your degrees.

We cannot do it alone. We need to have you participate in and attend Lodge activities.

Fraternally,

Coren Andrews, WM

THANK YOU!

Blackmer Lodge extends its thanks and appreciation to our newest Past Master, Worshipful John Heisner. We appreciate the splendid job he did for Blackmer Lodge during the past year.

No organization can grow and prosper without strong leadership. Blackmer Lodge is indeed fortunate to have had John wielding the gavel of authority during the past year. The Lodge does indeed extend its heartfelt thanks for the outstanding job you did as Master of Blackmer Lodge during 2004.

We know that we can continue to count on you for the guidance and advice you so ably gave during your year as Worshipful Master. We look forward to your continuing participation in the affairs of the Lodge.

POINT WITHIN A CIRCLE

"Lodges were anciently dedicated to King Solomon, as he is said to have been our first Most Excellent Grand Master; but speculative Masons dedicate theirs to the memory of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. Since their time, there is represented in every regular and well-governed lodge, a certain POINT WITHIN A CIRCLE, the point representing the individual brother; the circle, the boundary line of his conduct to God and man, beyond which he is never to suffer his passions, prejudices or interests to betray him on any occasion. This circle is bordered by two perpendicular parallel lines representing these saints, and upon the top rest the Holy Scriptures. In going around this circle we necessarily touch upon these two lines, as well as upon the Holy Scriptures, and while a Mason keeps himself thus circumscribed, it is impossible that he should materially err."

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
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

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.



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A growing number of your fellow members of Blackmer Lodge in receiving your copy of the Bulletin electronically. To join in, just drop an Email note to the editor, Coren Andrews at ctandrews@comcast.net to begin receiving your Bulletin in an Email.

Be on the cutting edge, contact Coren Andrews at ctandrews@comcast.net.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR DUES CARD. IT SHOULD SAY "PAID THROUGH DECEMBER, 2004.

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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JANUARY 2005, CALENDAR

January

- Mon 3rd** Lodge Dark
- Thurs 6th** **Stated Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465. Officers - coat and tie
- Mon 10th** **Officers' Practice**, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs 13th** **Officers' Practice**, 6:30 p.m.
- Mon 17th** Lodge Dark - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Thurs 20th** **First Degree**, Lodge opens at 7:15 p.m.
- Mon 24th** Candidate Coaches School at East San Diego, 7:00 p.m. for all
 Candidates Coaches and Senior Wardens
- Tues 25th** **ISI, 442 hosts**, 837 works First Degree and Long Form Close, all
 Officers to be present, 7:00 p.m. Call Inspector if you cannot
 attend.
- Thurs 27th** Lodge Dark
- Mon 31st** Lodge Dark

February

- Thurs 3rd** **Stated Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465.
- Mon 7th** Lodge Dine Out Night, Location TBD, 6:30 p.m.

JANUARY STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

- Old Fashioned Meat Loaf and Chicken Teriaki
- Scalloped Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables
- Caesar Salad and Jumbo Cookies
- Mini-Croissants and Beverages

