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THE ENTERED APPRENTICE'S APRON

"Your lamb shall be without blemish...!"
Ex. 12:5

We are informed that the Apron of the Entered Apprentice, worn with the flap turned up, represents the Cubical Stone surmounted by the Pyramid. Its triangular flap is one face of the Pyramid and the whole is a square surmounted by a triangle. If this Apron is given to the initiate without further explanation of its symbolism, it will remain as confusing as the opening sentence to this article may at first appear.

The white color of the Apron represents "Essential Light," or as the ancients declared, the Deity. The lambskin material is a symbol of the Paschal Lamb, which according to Mosaic law was the most acceptable offering to God. It is even more sacred and indispensable to the Christian Mason, because it is also the symbol of the "lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." In truth, no Mason is considered fully "clothed" when he wears an Apron of any other material. It is equally so that an ornamental Apron of silk, linen, or other material is not symbolic of pure "Essential Light."

In the wearing of the Apron, the legend explained during the degree is yet another layer or veil concealing yet a deeper meaning to the upturned flap. The initiate is told that the upturned flap was intended to protect the clothing from becoming soiled. He is not told the esoteric meaning, which is as follows: (1) the Entered Apprentice works in the Northeast Corner upon the Rough Ashlar; (2) the Fellowcraft in the Southeast Corner (where

Masonic cornerstones anciently were and still should be laid to be absolutely accurate with our past) upon the Simple Cube, or Perfect Ashlar having six faces that are perfect squares; (3) to the Master Mason alone belongs the Pointed Cubical, or square, because shaped as a Pyramid, it represents spirituality, intelligence and Divinity; and (4) the Entered Apprentice's upturned flap is symbolic of mute unexplained promise, similar to the Square and Compasses on the Altar, that if he works well and his master is content with his progress, he shall in due time attain unto the higher and more perfect Light.

When we greet a new Mason into our midst, each Master Mason has an obligation to share in nurturing his progress. Left to his own devices without mentoring, coaching, friendship, or brotherly concern, he cannot learn - there is simply no one to teach him. If he does not learn, he will leave or refuse to return. If he refuses to return, he will go elsewhere to seek his Light. When he goes elsewhere Masonry becomes irrelevant. Do you care? If you don't, who should?

"Essential Light" is creative, abundant, kind, loving and very giving. It needs no man or anything to accomplish. However, it does use the willing body, the working mind and the devoted soul to spread its abundant love. For ages, Masonry has been such a willing body and it shall be for ages to come. Your support, your prayers, your attendance will dictate how bright will shine the future Light in Freemasonry.

John R. Heisner, P.M.

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FROM THE SECRETARY

We have several applications for membership, and should be having several degrees in the very near future. As a matter of fact we are scheduled to give Mr. Michael Chad Geren his degree on March 31st, we would like a big turnout for this degree.

There are still a few members who have not paid their 2005 dues, please take a few seconds and send in your dues. We are having a great many members who are moving, but forgetting to send us a change of address, please send the change of address as soon as you get it, so that we can make the necessary changes. It costs your Lodge almost a dollar to have your mail forwarded.

It is my sad duty to inform you that Brother Sidney Norman has gone to the Celestial Lodge above, may he rest in eternal peace.. We have several members that are not feeling up to par. Please remember them in your prayers..

We need to see you at our Stated Meeting dinners and it is very important that you call in your reservations for dinner to our Stated Meetings. Call us at 619-291-0465.

Fraternally, Johnny Johnson



PUZZLE

Your Stated Dinner is on the Master if you are the first person who emails him with the correct answers. How long did it take you to solve the puzzle?

If you purchase an albacore and a barracuda and the cost is \$21.00

If you purchase a barracuda and a carp and the cost is \$24.00

If you purchase a carp and a dogfish and the cost is \$32.00

If you purchase a dogfish and an eel and the cost is \$37.00

If you purchase an eel and a flounder and the cost is \$31.00

If you purchase a flounder and a gar and the cost is \$25.00

If you purchase a gar and an albacore and the cost is \$26.00

What is the cost of each fish?

Albacore =

Barracuda =

Carp =

Dogfish =

Eel =

Flounder =

Gar =

COMING SOON TO A LODGE NEAR YOU

Hiram Award. The name of the recipient of this prestigious award will soon be announced and a suitable presentation made. Stay tuned and be alert. He will be a Mason that you know quite well and who has demonstrated all the characteristics of one deserving of this honor.

MASONIC HOMES ENDOWMENT FUND

The Lodge will accept your contribution to the FUND, when you send your Dues Check or at any other time. 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. Please make your contribution as large as you can.

COMING SOON TO A LODGE NEAR YOU

HONORED LADIES LUNCHEON

NOON

Thursday, May 19, 2005

A superb menu has been planned and guaranteed to favor your taste buds.

Call in reservations

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FROM THE EAST

§20010. CONSOLIDATION.

A. Two or more Lodges, located near each other, may consolidate into one Lodge upon such terms as may be agreed between the Lodges, provided they perform the following in consecutive order:

1. Adoption of a written resolution by each Lodge at a Stated Meeting to the effect that a consolidation is expedient and that a committee be formed to meet and arrange terms;
2. Giving of notice in writing of the adoption of this resolution to all members of the Lodge without delay;
3. Agreement by the Committees upon the terms;
4. Reporting of the terms to their respective Lodges, in writing, at a Stated Meeting, and acceptance of the terms by a majority vote of those present; and
5. Receipt of the signatures of at least three-fourths of the members of each Lodge to a consent form agreeing to the proposed terms of the consolidation.

If the Grand Master finds it impracticable for a Lodge to secure the required written consents, he may approve the consolidation upon the written consent of not less than a majority of the members of each Lodge.

At a Stated Meeting not earlier than the third Stated Meeting after adoption of the first resolution, the Master of each Lodge shall examine the consent forms of the members of his Lodge, and if he finds the required number of valid signatures, he shall declare the consolidation to be approved by the Lodge.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

I must apologize for my neglect of my duties. I was fortunate enough to be promoted earlier this month to the rank of Supervising Investigator. This fortune is tempered by the location of my new position which is in Santa Barbara. Needless to say, the past month has found me very occupied with the details of relocation. I am saddened to say that I will not be able to carry out my duties as Junior Deacon of our lodge. I will be permanently stationed in Santa Barbara as of March 1 and, as much as I enjoy participating in lodge, don't feel that I can make a four hour drive for that purpose on a regular basis. I hope that you keep me in your thoughts, as I will you and all of our brothers.
Leslie Pond

Brother Les, Blackmer Lodge says congratulations and wishes you all the best in your new position and new location. We will keep you in our thoughts and hope that you do the same for us.

BIRTHDAYS

Francis Adams	3/10
Norman Alpert	3/12
Jonathan Blayman	3/03
Thomas Bossert	3/05
George Brassfield	3/27
Buford Broadway	3/12
Alan Cass	3/26
Werner Dreifuss	3/12
Lou Dunst	3/11
Oberlin Evenson	3/26
Morey Feldman	3/07
Matt Foulger	3/18
Scott Gould	3/25
Justin Hammerlun	3/27
Carmi Hodge	3/13
Jim Hom	3/07
Saul Klein, PM	3/03
Ray Krum	3/24
J. Morris Mulkey	3/12
Albino Navasca	3/01
Stephen Orestano	3/25
Laurence Plummer	3/09
Lewis Rubin	3/15
Richard Saldano, PM	3/01
Emeterio Salindong	3/03
Robert Smith	3/17
Frederick Swenson	3/29
Konstantin Swerilas	3/30
John Vooring	3/19

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.

BULLETIN BY EMAIL

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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MARCH 2005, CALENDAR

March

- Thurs 3rd** **Stated Meeting** at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465. Officers and members
 and ladies - wear **GREEN**
- Mon 7th** Lodge Dark
- Thurs 10th** Lodge Dark
- Mon 14th** Practice First Degree, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs 17th** Practice First Degree, 6:30 p.m.
- Mon 21st** Lodge Dark
- Thurs 24th** Lodge Dark - Darius members, this is your night
- Mon 28th** **ISI**, 837hosts, 35works Third Degree, visitor introduction,
 balloting and long close, all Officers to be present, 7:00 p.m.
 Call Inspector if you cannot attend.
- Thurs 31st** **First Degree**, Lodge opens at 7:15 p.m.

April

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

MARCH STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

- Honey Chicken and Baked Mahi Mahi
- Scalloped Potatoes and Buttered Corn
- Caesar Salad and Rolls
- Apple Crumb Cake
- Beverages

Call your reservations to Johnny at 619-281-0469

