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Bulletin



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

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"JUSTICE IN A GREAT MEASURE..."

*"To do justice and judgment is more acceptable
to the Lord than sacrifice."*

Prov. 21:3

Justice is one of the cardinal virtues strongly inculcated in the First Degree. The Entered Apprentice is encouraged to preserve an upright position in all his dealings with mankind and never to act unjustly to himself, his brethren, or the world. This is the cornerstone upon which he is expected to erect his future honorable superstructure. As the very observant brother may recall, justice is symbolized by a man with his feet firmly fixed upon the ground, his body upright.

We are taught that this virtue is not only consistent with Divine and human laws, but is the very cement and support of civil society. Yet, how are we to relate to this virtue? Is it not for judges, lawyers, jurors and legislators to practice justice? Exactly where do we fit in as ordinary laymen? Consider your past, present and possibly future circumstances and first identify those occasions when you were asked to make a decision about something in your life. More likely than not, you weighed the options and then selected a particular path. Perhaps you even made a decision that had an impact on another person's life, or upon the lives of many. When you did so, you exercised a power of judgment and on that subject Freemasonry has much to teach us.

In our intercourse with others there are two kinds of injustice: the first, of those who offer an injury; the second, of those who have it in their power to avert an injury from those to whom it is offered and yet do not do what is necessary. Every wrong by one man to another, whether it affects his person, property, happiness, or reputation is an offense against the law of justice. When commit-

ted against a brother of the Fraternity, it is Unmasonic Conduct.

How important is this virtue? When you consider that a wrong or injustice once done can never be undone, you will appreciate why justice is at the very heart of Masonic charity. Not even God will interpose to halt the consequences, though the act that debased our soul may be forgiven. Yet, living in complete reliance upon God's forgiveness without taking responsibility in the first instance to act justly is dangerous. Masonic law most seriously condemns those who induce others to commit wrongs primarily because he who repents is powerless to make his weaker partner a sharer in his repentance.

We shall be just only when we are charitable and never assume to judge each other unless the duty is foisted upon us. But, as humans we share the proclivity of every other human being to judge our neighbors; to criticize their politics; to quarrel with their religion; to frown at their manner of dress; to belittle their accomplishments in comparison to our own; to mock their thoughtful contributions to the Fraternity; and, to smirk at their quirky cultural habits. As Masons, we are not permitted such indulgences in ego-driven insults to our fellow man. We have vowed to make ourselves better; to walk and talk with a thoughtful heart.

Justice in a great measure constitutes the really good man. You share with me the duty we have vowed to perform to not vary from the minutest detail thereof. Speak well, think well and act well. You are the cement and support of civil society.

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

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FROM THE SECRETARY

We will be having three first degrees on the 31st of March, so lets have a big turn out. We are trying to work out a schedule where we can have candidate coach on Monday nights, at the Lodge. This should make it much easier for the candidates and the coaches, as we have several people are working on their proficiencies.

The Lodge and all of its members would like to wish Les Pond, the very best on his new promotion and his transfer to Santa Barbara. We hope that some day he may get another promotion and be transferred back to San Diego, so that he can be active in the Lodge again.

There are still several members who have not paid their dues for 2005. Please take a moment and send in your dues now so that you are up to date.

Some of the members have been saying that they do not come to the Stated Meeting with their Ladies, as there is nothing for the Ladies. Our ladies enjoy working on their craft work, and crocheting and the visit they have with the other ladies. So come to our Stated Meetings and bring your Lady. Dinner is at 6:30 PM and the Meeting is at 7:30 PM. Be sure to call in your reservations so that we have enough dinners for everyone.

Fraternally, Johnny
2 Johnson

HIRAM AWARD CEREMONY

The Hiram Award Committee, consisting of past Blackmer Hiram Award recipients, has selected Brother Laverne "Johnny" Johnson as the 2005 recipient of this prestigious award. This is the highest Masonic honor that can be conferred upon any Blue Lodge member, and as such your officers will host an appropriate conferral ceremony on May 9, 2005. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will precede the ceremonies, which will follow in the Heald Room. In that a large gathering is expected, reservations with our Secretary, are a must.

The ceremonies will be conducted in an open Lodge setting to permit all Masons and non-Masons the to attend. The Master of Ceremonies intends to offer an explanation of this prestigious award. He and others will chronicle Brother Johnson's lengthy Masonic career, introduce honored guests and past Hiram Award recipients, as well as regale you with discrete stories about Brother Johnson's travels and journeys throughout his eventful Masonic life.

The date is Thursday, May 9, 2005. The time is 6:30 p.m. The attire is coat and tie. Reservations are required. Bring your Ladies and your non-Masonic friends to join in honoring Brother Johnny on what should be a most deserved and memorable moment in his Masonic life.

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.

HONORED LADIES LUNCHEON

NOON

Thursday, May 19, 2005

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

Call in reservations

619-291-0465

Our event chairman this year is Brother Harry Bensnoy. He and Worshipful Master Coren, invite you to this stellar event. The Honored Ladies are guests of our fine Lodge (other ladies, guests and brethren, \$10 each). We would like your reservations by May 16th for the event which will be at NOON on Thursday, May 19th at the Scottish Rite Center. A superb menu has been planned, guaranteed to make your taste buds do flips. Call reservations to 619-291-0465.

PUZZLE

The Fish puzzle was answered correctly by our Brother Senior Deacon, Harold Thurber. Thank you.

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FROM THE EAST

Last year at this time the Lodge was deeply involved with the question of adopting the alternate dues structure whereby the amount each Brother would pay each year would automatically adjust for increases to Grand Lodge per capita. This was accomplished and now our Lodge portion of the annual dues will not be reduced each year when the per capita increases. This was a great step for our Lodge in helping to bring some stability to our Lodge finances.

Now we must address what is probably an even more important Lodge matter. That of our membership participation in Lodge activities, management and government. Five or six Brothers are not enough! We need more. We must be able to provide enough dedicated Brethren so that we can conduct degrees without burning out those who do participate and to fill stations and help with coaching and to help with Lodge functions. Five or six is not enough!

Brethren, look at your calendars and into your hearts and make a commitment to help your Lodge. We have new candidates that are excited about joining Blackmer Lodge and our Fraternity, let us show them what Masonry can and should be. Take the time to support you Lodge in person, not just with a check.

Last month, I ran as my message the CMC article 20010 regarding consolidation. Blackmer Lodge has been around too long to go away without a fight. Brethren, we need you now and we need your commitment to actively participate in YOUR Lodge.

It has been said that there are many Masons out there who just want to be asked to do something to help their Lodges. Brethren, you are being asked.

Fraternally,
Coren Andrews, Master



BIRTHDAYS

Ernest Addleson	4/06
Harold Arnhart	4/28
Harry Besnoy	4/26
Giles Brown	4/21
Richard Carlson	4/28
Terry Christian	4/22
Charles Ellis	4/10
Clyde Fry	4/23
Herbert Harnly	4/20
Albert Heck	4/12
Richard Jones	4/26
Julius Krasner	4/14
Samuel Krasner, PM	4/20
Solomon Minsberg	4/25
Sidney Norman, Jr.	4/04
Robert Ross	4/17
Lamberto Vales	4/16
R. Michael Walters	4/15
Warren E. Wilsie	4/09

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, 2005.

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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APRIL 2005, CALENDAR

April

- Mon 4th** Candidates' Coaching at Lodge, 6:45 p.m.
- Thurs 7th** Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465.
- Mon 11th** Candidates' Coaching at Lodge, 6:45 p.m.
- Thurs 14th** Practice First Degree, 6:30 p.m.
- Mon 18th** Candidates' Coaching at Lodge, 6:45 p.m.
- Thurs 21st** First Degree, 7:30 p.m.
- Mon 25th** ISI, 442 host, 574 work - Third Degree, Second Section, all
 Officers to be present, 7:00 p.m.
 Call Inspector if you cannot attend.
- Thurs 28th** Lodge Dark - Darius members, this is your night

May

- Mon 2nd** Candidates' Coaching at Lodge, 6:45 p.m.
- Thurs 5th** Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465.
- Mon 9th** Hiram Award Dinner and Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs 12th** TBD
- Mon 16th** Candidates' Coaching at Lodge, 6:45 p.m.
- Thurs 19th** Ladies Luncheon at NOON

APRIL STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Good food and conversation

Call your reservations to Johnny at 619-281-0469

