

# Blackmer Lodge

# Bulletin



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## FREEDOM, FERVENCY AND ZEAL

*"For he ... was clad with zeal as a cloak."  
Is. 59:17*

As we learn in the lecture of the First Degree of Masonry, operative Masons were required to serve their masters with freedom, fervency and zeal; only thus could they serve his interest by laboring willingly, ardently and zealously. In speculative Masonry, this same phrase is employed to convey the notion that these virtues are to be exercised when serving the Great Architect, by advancing morality, and by promoting the happiness of our fellow creatures. Although Freemasonry states to the world that it is not a religion and does not promote any one established religion above any other, the Webster's New World Dictionary, Second Concise Edition, offers an alternative definition of the word "religion" to be "any object that is seriously or zealously pursued." The distinction is gravely significant.

Masonry has long had it's accusers that it truly seeks to establish a so-called New World Order under the banner of a "new" religion that will require its members to abandon Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, or any other specific system of belief and worship. To prove their point, those accusers even point to passages in the writings of such esteemed Masonic philosophers as Albert Pike. To assuage those ill-founded feelings, Masonry often responds by arguing its tolerance of all beliefs and its charity for all mankind. Yet, as Masons we should embrace the command to "zealously"

tolerate, and to love with "zeal." Pike himself has written that every Masonic Lodge is a Temple of Religion; its officers ministers of religion; its teachings, instructions in religion. He so taught not to replace Judaism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, or any other established "religion," but to inculcate the time-honored duty of every Mason to adopt Masonic teachings and live them to the world with enthusiasm - which is simply another word for "zeal."

Masonry teaches us that there is a "religion" of toil. It does not replace Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Mohammed, or any other religious leader. Rather, Masonry incorporates the virtues from time immemorial that pervade the thought and action of each of those men. We are taught, here and elsewhere, that our pursuits and occupations, when performed faithfully, promote God's great design. Nothing less was taught by any of those great religious teachers. As Masons, we are reminded to advocate fairly and honestly with a feeling of sincere belief that it is God's justice that shall prevail, not our own private interests. We are also taught that books, whether they be of Masonic history, philosophy, or literature, or from another source, convey a sense of "religion," if they instill pure, noble, virtuous and/or patriotic sentiments. A Mason learns that society itself, with all its diversification of belief systems, is itself a "religion," where, as here in our country, there is a sacred faith in our fellow man and where, again as here, we repose perfect confidence in the integrity of another.

It is within our Temples, or Lodges,

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## FROM THE SECRETARY

Plan on attending our Second Degree on Monday, June 13th. Brother Mark will appreciate your attendance. He has been working hard on learning his proficiency.

Please call in your reservations for dinner on all lodge events. It is extremely important, so that we know how much food to order.

I know that I mention this every month, but there are a few members who have not paid their dues. This dues is due on the first of January, so that you may be in good standing. We have a new email address in the Lodge. (blackmer442@lodge.sdcoxmail.com) please change your records.

If you know of a Brother or his family that is not feeling up to par please let our Chaplain or me know, so that we can get in contact with them and see if we can help.

Fraternally  
Johnny Johnson, Secretary

**SUPPORT YOUR LODGE AND ITS PROGRAMS.**

**YOUR ATTENDANCE IS NEEDED AND ENCOURAGED!**

## WE HAD THE PLEASURE

We had the pleasure of presenting a Golden Veteran's Award for 50 years in Blackmer Lodge to Brother Disrelli. Congratulations to our Brother for attaining this milestone in his Masonic life.

We had the pleasure of presenting Blackmer Lodge's 2005 Hiram Award to our Brother Secretary, Johnny Johnson. The dinner and ceremony were great and the honoree very deserving. The Hiram Award Committee made another fine choice in choosing Johnny for this important honor. He has been a tremendous help to all of the Masters he has served and to the Lodge. Thank you, Johnny, congratulations and keep up the good work.

We had the pleasure of conferring the First Degree of Masonry upon Sean Keller on May 16th. Congratulations to our new Brother and to the Officers who so ably participated in the Degree work.

We had the pleasure of hosting some of our Honor Ladies at their annual luncheon on the 19th. It was great to see and dine with some old friends and to renew friendships. We hope that next year we will be able to fill the room with our very special ladies and guests.

## 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.

## ANNUAL FLAG DAY BREAKFAST

**9:00 a.m sharp  
Sunday, June 12, 2005  
The 78th Annual Flag Day  
Observance and breakfast at  
the Scottish Rite Center**

The ceremony will commence promptly at 9:00 a.m. The patriotic program this year will be a massing of the colors and Parade of Flags, carried by members of each of the Masonic Youth groups. A buffet breakfast will follow the patriotic program. After breakfast, the ceremony will conclude with appropriate remarks from our guest speaker, a Navy pilot, who flew from the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln during the recent tsunami relief effort in Southeast Asia.

Reservations are a must! Contact David Haslim, PM, at 858-695-8407 or dhaslim@hotmail.com



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# FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

He joined DeMolay at the age of 16 and remained an active member until he was 18. He joined Blackmer Lodge at the young age of 22 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in September of 1967. Our Brother has been busy in many aspects of Masonry, including his Blue Lodge, Blackmer, where he is currently Senior Deacon with an eye on the Master's Chair. He joined the San Diego Scottish Rite in November of 1993 and is currently serving as Second Lieutenant Commander in the Council of Kadosh, which is in charge of general services for the Scottish Rite. Along with these duties, he is active in the Ritual work of the Scottish Rite and is Director of the Work for the 18th Degree. He received the Albert Pike Award for 32nd Degree work in 2003 and has been active with service and membership areas of the Scottish Rite. Our Brother Harold Thurber has been nominated as Blackmer Lodge's Mason of the Year for 2005 and will be honored and presented his award by Most Worshipful David Doan on Friday, September 30, 2005.

Please be sure to check the Calendar for upcoming events, degrees and practices. Your Lodge needs your participation and help. We have some dedicated Officers who spend a lot of time learning and practicing the work necessary to carry on the traditions of our Lodge. Many of them are busy in other organizations as well as in our Lodge. This has lead to a change in the scheduling of certain Lodge functions, so please be diligent and read the calendar and then come to Lodge. We don't think you will regret it.

I is my pleasure to inform you that I have selected Brother Chris Quimpo to be Junior Deacon for the balance of the year with an eye to the Senior Deacon's chair next year. He has a lot of hard work ahead of him but we know he can do it. Congratulate Chris when you see him.

Several of our new Entered Apprentices are working on their Proficiencies in order to advance. We are looking forward to conferring many Second and then Third Degrees on these Brothers.

Fraternally,  
Coren Andrews, Master

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that we inculcate faith, hope and charity. With "zeal," we teach disinterestedness, affection, toleration, patriotism, devotedness and an undying love of the Supreme Architect. We greet one another with joy; we are lenient to each other's faults; regardful of each other's feelings; ready to aid each other's wants. That is the true "zeal," or, as Webster so defines it, "religion" which was revealed to the Ancient Patriarchs and which Masonry taught many centuries ago, and which it will continue to teach as long as time endures. If unworthy passions and selfish, bitter or revengeful feelings enter here, they are intruders and

most unwelcome: - strangers, not guests. If you are Jewish, do these teachings sound familiar in your own realm of worship? How about for you who are Christian? Hindu? Muslim? Masonry seeks not to replace. It seeks to bridge the gap; to yield unto every human an opportunity to learn with "zeal," to live with "zeal," and to love with "zeal" - regardless of where you choose to worship and regardless of what system of worship you find most acceptable. Remember, my brethren - there is only one God.

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

## BIRTHDAYS

James Mills	6/2
Sy Brenner	6/2
Earl Noll	6/2
August Dale	6/3
Howard Johnson	6/3
Donald Nutter	6/5
Evan Rose	6/5
David Magin	6/5
Max Amster	6/5
John Warner, PM	6/6
Jeffrey Merrick	6/10
Neil Simpson	6/13
Rolando DelosReyes	6/14
Edwin DeBolt	6/16
Harlod Dodds	6/17
Fred Kaufman	6/18
Dusan Martin, Sr., PM	6/21
Nestor Bala	6/22
David Bing	6/24
Scott Pearce, PM	6/26
Leonard Starbeck	6/27
Harold Weiss	6/28
Gary Clare	6/29
Alex Bedoya	6/27

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 rer dinner

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## 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](mailto:ctandrews@comcast.net) to begin receiving your Bulletin in an Email.

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**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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**JUNE 2005, CALENDAR**

- June**
- Thurs 2nd** Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Reservations please call 619-291-0465.
  - Mon 6th** Officers' Practice, Second Degree, 6:45 p.m.
  - Thurs 9th** Candidates' Coaching at Lodge Office, 6:45 p.m.
  - Sun 12th** FLAG DAY BREAKFAST - see article
  - Mon 13th** Second Degree for Bro. Mark Kaufman, 7:15 p.m.
  - Thurs 16th** Candidates' Coaching at Lodge Office, 6:45 p.m.
  - Mon 20th** Dark
  - Thurs 23rd** Dark
  - Mon 27th** ISI, 574 host, 837 work, Second Degree, Call Down/Up, 7:00 p.m. all officers to be present - call the Inspector if you cannot attend.
  - Thurs 30th** Dark
- July**
- Mon 4th** Independence Day - CELEBRATE
  - Thurs 7th** Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
Reservations please call 619-291-0465.

**JUNE STATED MEETING DINNER MENU**

- Beef Stroganoff and Chicken Marsala
- Twice Baked Potatoes and Peas/Carrots
- Fresh Fruit Cups and Assorted Rolls
- Apple Crumb Cake or Pineapple Upside Down Cake
- Beverages



Call your reservations to Johnny at 619-291-0469

