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CHASTITY

*"Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's wife,
neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's house,
his field, ... or anything that is thy neighbor's"*
Deut. 6:21

From time immemorial one of the chief characteristics of Freemasonry has been its uncompromising demands for adherence to the seventh and tenth Commandments as applied to personal purity. In a peculiar devotion, Masonry stands for the protection of the chastity of womanhood, as every Mason knows from the sacred obligations he has assumed in this regard. Equally important is the deeper meaning of that obligation as a Mason's enduring vow of chastity.

The vow of chastity means to say putting into practice the resolution to live without covetousness and without indifference. In other words, chastity is the state living in conformity with the spiritual law. When one does so, whether man or woman, he or she is considered chaste, whether he or she is celibate, or married. Consequently, there are "virgins" who are married and the mothers of children, as well as there are physical "virgins" who are not so in reality.

Contrary to popular belief, the practice of chastity imposed upon Masons does not concern solely the domain of sex. It bears equally on all other domains where there is a choice between light and darkness, good and evil. For example, all fanaticism sins against chastity, because the fanatic is carried along by a dark and violent current. The French revolution was an orgy of perverse collective intoxication, just as was the revolution in Russia. Nationalism - such

as in the Germany of Hitler - is likewise a form of intoxication drowing the conscience of the heart and is therefore incompatible with chastity.

In our Craft, when a candidate is brought from darkness to see the light by which Masons work, he is immediately introduced to the characteristic of chastity - the purity of keeping passions within due bounds toward all mankind, as well as circumscribing desires. One misses the point of chastity entirely if he fails to consider it in conjunction with charity - that is, love. For each Mason is taught to consider each other person as another self - a being who must be treated with the same care and affection one dotes upon himself. When one does so, he exercises chastity in that he conforms with spiritual law (doing unto others as you would that they should do unto you) and does not permit his emotions to covet anything belonging to his neighbor, but is content with all that God has given.

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



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FROM THE SECRETARY

This is the time of year when every one is thinking about having that turkey on Thanksgiving. The year is rapidly winding down and before you know it the year 2006 will be here.

Blackmer Installation will be on December 8th at 7:30 PM and refreshments will be served after the Installation.

Bring your friends and come and help install the Officers for 2006.

There are still several people that have not paid their 2006 dues, remember that the dues are due by January 1st, so take a few moments and send in your dues.

We had the honor of raising another brother to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Brother Sean Keller was raised on November 10th, his father Greg Keller came from Colorado to participate in raising Sean.. Worshipful Greg Keller is the Master of Elk Mountain Lodge 118 in Colorado.

With the holiday season upon us please drive careful and look out for those other people on the highway.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Fraternally Johnny Johnson, Secretary



**BLACKMER LODGE #442, F. & A. M
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NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
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AT 7:30 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING**

**OPEN TO ALL MASONS, THEIR FAMILIES
AND FRIENDS**

MIKE ZDRAVKOVIC, PM, MASTER-ELECT

WE HAD THE PLEASURE

We had the pleasure of hearing another excellent Second Degree proficiency. So good in fact, we immediately conferred the Third Degree on Brother Sean Keller. Shan's Dad, who came out from Colorado where he is Master of his Lodge, assisted in the conferring of the Degree and with raising his son. A very pleasant evening with some great work by your Lodge Officers. If you missed it, be sure to attend a Degree or two in the near future. We have several candidates working on proficiencies and look forward to another busy year in 2006. You can help by being there.

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FROM THE EAST

In this, my final message as Master of Blackmer Lodge, I offer my appreciation for all who made the year possible and as successful as it was. We had a busy year with many different events and a satisfying number of degrees. We raised three new Brothers and gained others by affiliation. Again, thank you for all your support to the Officers and to our Candidates.

While we didn't accomplish everything we wanted to, we didn't do too badly at all. In addition to the degree work and Stated Meetings, we had the pleasure of being visited from time to time by old friends and new. Most recently, Greg Keller came in from Colorado to see his son made a Master Mason. He even helped with the raising. Other visitors included Past Masters, Scott Pearce and John Warner. Worshipful Scott came all the way from Santee and Worshipful John from Nevada. This to name just a few of our visitors.

Your officers did fine work at all of the Degrees and meetings and should be applauded. We look forward to installing those elected and appointed to the various chairs at our 92nd Installation of Officers on Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m. We hope you will be able to attend this important event in our Lodge's history. I wish Mike and the 2006 Officers all the best. With several new Officers for 2006, there is a bright light in the future of Blackmer Lodge.

Thank you all.

Coren Andrews, Master



DINING OUT

Our Brother Tiler, Harry Besnoy, has successfully completed another Dining Out night for the pleasure of the members of the Lodge and families. We understand that there were 18 attendees at the recent outing at Souplantation. Brother Harry, keep up the good work. Your efforts are appreciated by all.

BLACKMER'S MASON OF THE YEAR

Brother Harold Thurber was Blackmer Lodge's Mason of the Year for 2005. Here he is with Most Worshipful David Doan at the awards portion of the Reception for the Grand Master.



BIRTHDAYS

Hasan Aker	12/01
Paul Athy	12/21
Richard Barrett, Jr.	12/04
Humberto Barron, Jr.	12/27
Leonard Fraitag, PM	12/23
Eugene Goldman, PM	12/16
William Greenman	12/27
Ryan Griffin	12/27
Paul Hodiak, PM	12/31
Michael Holibonich	12/17
Johnny Johnson	12/14
David Kahn	12/02
Lowell Lantz	12/15
Donald Lyles	12/12
Richard Markson	12/14
Predrag Mitrovich	12/30
Galen Niedenfuehr, PM	12/05
David Nobles	12/16
Harold Overstreet	12/04
Leslie Pond	12/26
Bruce Rick	12/30
Byron Rose	12/26
Ralph Siegel	12/18
Darel Southward	12/07
Robert Summers	12/21
Raymond Tatum, PM	12/04
Paul Young	12/15

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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DECEMBER 2005, CALENDAR

December

- Thurs 1st** Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465.
- Mon 5th** Installation Practice, 6:45 p.m. All Officers and Installing
 team will please be there
- Thurs 8th** **92nd Annual Installation of Officers,
 7:30 p.m.**
- Fri 9th** Installation - San Diego #35 at 7:00 p.m.
- Sat 10th** Installation - S. W. Hackett #574 at 2:00 p.m.
- Sun 11th** Installation - East San Diego #561 at 5:00 p.m.
- Mon 12th** Dark
- Tues 13th** Installation - Joseph L. Shell Daylight #837
- Thurs 15th** Dark
- Mon 19th** Dark
- Thurs 22nd** Dark
- Sun 25th** Christmas
- Mon 26th** Hanukkah
- Thurs 29th** Dark

January

- Mon 2nd** Dark
- Thurs 5th** Stated Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 Reservations please call 619-291-0465.

DECEMBER STATED MEETING DINNER MENU

Baron of Beef and Honey Baked Ham
 Baby Red Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables
 Fresh Fruit Cups, Bread, Beverages
 Banquet Cakes



Call your reservations to Johnny at 619-291-0465