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FROM THE PILLAR OF WISDOM

Brethren and Ladies:

Robin and I would like to thank Bonnie Smith for decorating our tables at our September Stated

Meeting Dinner and Wor Jim says, thanks for the candy.

We are keeping up on conferring degrees, Initiating Brothers Cumming, Helton and Napoles into our Ancient Craft, as well as Raising Brother Bockerman to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. It looks like we will be just as busy in October. We are planning to Pass Brothers DeMaria, Jordan, Thomas, Cottriall, Cumming, Helton, Napoles, MacDade. In addition Brother Greenberg is now back from oversees just in time to be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at our annual Past Masters Night.

I am glad to write that Ryan and Bob are both fully proficient in their stations for next year and Bob is already working on the MM lecture, Nice Job My Brothers. In addition, Ryan is ready to take the rains next year. He has a fun installation planned for

Dec 7th, I hope you will all be there to celebrate with us. I am so looking forward to Ryan's year in the Oriental Chair, not just because him tak-

ing over means I done, but really, it's because I know, he is going to have a great year, I hope you will all come out to show your support of both Ryan and your lodge. Ryan is truly going to be an excellent leader. I can't wait to see what he has planned.

At a recent degree I learned that we are not able to auto correct the ritual when a candidate is obligated on a text other than the "Holy Bible". I am wondering what my brethren think about this. I am planning on working up a resolution for next years Grand Lodge to fix this problem. Please let me know your thoughts on the matter. Here are the particulars.

Back in 1997 a resolution was presented for consideration to substitute the words 'Holy Writings' for the words 'Holy Bible' everywhere they appear in the Ritual. The GL

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OCTOBER SUMMONSES

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1 Stated Dinner & Meeting 6:30 & 7:15pm
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8 2nd Degree - DeMaria, Jordan, Thomas, Cottriall 6:30pm
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15 PM Night Practice6:30pm
19 Sam Jones Memorial Award program
22 PM Night - Dinner6:30pm
22 PM Night - 3rd Degree - Greenberg
29 2nd Dgre-Cumming, Helton, Napoles, MacDade 6:30pm

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FROM THE PILLAR OF STRENGTH

Brethren and Ladies:

The month of September is nothing more than a distant memory and we are now entering the

month of October. This month starts the beginning of the holiday seasons, letting us know that we are getting closer to the end of this year. Last month, we welcomed our newest raised Master Mason Bro. Jason Bockerman. Congratulations, Bro. Bockerman and Good Luck to you in your future



endeavors and to your next assignment in Okinawa, Japan, next year. May your search for more light in Masonry continue to grow and remain,

bright.

Since we are on the topic for search in more light, I found online something very interesting, because during this month one of the oldest Masonic research societies in North America was founded called The Philalethes Society

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FROM PILLAR OF BEAUTY

Brethren and Ladies,

Today I am feeling the cooler evenings of Autumn and I'm enjoying the

great sleeping weather it brings to us all. I hope that all of you have been keeping active this past summer, I know that I have been. With the seasonal monsoon rains that we had in August and September, the desert has been in bloom. One of the best places to see the Desert Bloom is in Borrego State Park's Canyon, off Palm Montezuma grade. It's about an hour and half or better from the Lodge in Mission Valley, but well worth the drive if you enjoy nature walks and the flowers. There is a park headquarters there and a visitors center with facilities. The hike is about 3 miles round trip, and takes about 1.5 hours to complete, however you can spend more time taking photos and picnicking. If

your interested in this hike you can call the Borrego Visitors Center at "760-767-4205" They can give you directions and hours to visit. I'm hoping for more Degree's here at Hackett and look forward to seeing all of you come and take part in the Degree work. This is a good time to remind all of our brethren to come on down to Lodge and share the fellowship with us.

Drive Safe and I hope to see everyone in lodge.

Sincerely and Fraternally Bro. Bob Salini Junior Warden





OCTOBER STATED MEETING DINNER

Spinach Salad
Beef & Chicken Kabobs
Rice Pilaf
Asparagus Tips
Assorted Rolls





Committee on Policy and General Purposes reported that: The word "Bible" is defined in every dictionary as including the sacred writings or books of any religion. Therefore, the words "Holy Bible" and "Holy Writings" are synonymous. Further, if one were to address every slight difference between the monitor, cipher ritual, etc., there would be no end to the changes that make no difference in the intent of the Ritual. This Resolution is not consistent with Grand Lodge policy or general purposes.

The main problem with the Committees argument is that although the word "Bible" can mean any book of faith or authority the term "Holly Bible" represents only one Christian Religious text, Writings, not just by Webster and other dictionaries, but more importantly by the Grand Lodge of California. We require a copy of the "Holly Bible" on the Alter at all times including when other text are used when obligating a candidate on his chosen text.

In addition, the CMC also reads, (if the candidate does

not wish to be obligated on the "Holy Bible", he must select an alternate Holy Writings of his choice), so clearly we recognize the difference even if you are able to find a dictionary that states that the 'Koran' is the "Holy Bible" or the Tanach, the Zend Avesta, the al-Kitab al-Aqdas, Tripitaka, the Analects, the Vedas, the Koji-ki, the Tao-te Ching, the Adi Granth.

For my Brothers that would not make the change because of context please consider this point. The ritual only reefers to the "Holy Bible" as it pertains to the candidate and the book on the Alter. Everywhere we discuss the how are ritual came about, we about the "Holy Writings", this is because our ritual came from many different texts. Since as a few Brothers have pointed out the major ideas came from the Old Testament which is actually the Tanach, and I have yet to find any part taken from the New Testament, maybe we should use the "Tanach" instead of the "Holy Bible". As for how the ritual was originally conceived, I don't think the framers of our work would have incorporated so many texts into what they handed down to us, if they were themselves, locked into only one narrow thought.

The fact is many lodges that we recognize here in the USA and elsewhere, have on their Alters, either (the "Holy Bible" with another text or texts, all the time) or (just another text without the Holy Bible). A Lodge in Washington State opens all meetings with both the "HB and the TAO.

Sometimes it's difficult to keep an open mind to ideas opposed to our own. So please imagine you are a Christian and the lodge you are joining uses the Koran and although they let you use your Holy Bible, they referred to it as the Koran, thought your obligation.

I have always thought this is the best thing about our craft, it forces you to open your mind to thoughts you might never contemplate. This is in fact what drew me to the craft.

I should probably mention, that I have 7 copies of the "Holy Bible" in my house, and no other text, just so there are no misunderstandings of my motives. For me it's only about doing what is right. Please let me know your thoughts at magicalmason1111@yahoo.com.

Remember my Brothers Tuesday night is Lodge night see you there.

Magically and Fraternally, JR Knight, PM Worshipful Master



Brethren, don't miss out. this year's PM Night will be on October 22nd at 7:30pm. Please come out and help raise Brother Sean Greenberg to the Sublime Degree of Master

Mason. Dinner Reminiscing will start at 6:30pm, dinner cost is \$15.

For those participating, Third Degree Practice will be held on Oct 15th at 6:30pm.



DAST MASTERS DINNER

Tossed Greens Salad Stir Fry: Beef & Chicken Teriyaki Steamed White Rice Peas & Carrots Mini Croissants Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages



Pineapple Upside Down Cake



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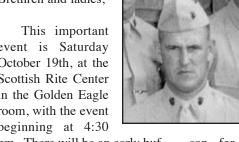
October Birthdays John M. Farrell 01 Arthur W. Hannum 02 James F. Sprague 05 DAVID P. GARCIA James F. Livingston DENNIS K. MAC DADE DAVID P. WILLER Eric N. McDonald 23 Robert E. Hutchinson BENJAMIN P. COOPER



SAM JONES MEMORIAL AWARD

Brethren and ladies:

event is Saturday October 19th, at the Scottish Rite Center in the Golden Eagle room, with the event beginning at 4:30



pm. There will be an early buffet dinner and then the award ceremony where two of our heroes that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan will be honored. We will recognize these two as a way of honoring all who have served and those now serving. We will also be privileged to have two speakers who served with Gunnery Sergeant Sam Jones both in Korea &

Vietnam. Sam's widow, Margaret will be coming back from Pennsylvania to attend this great event. The price of dinner will be only \$20, per per-

son, for advance reservations and \$25 at the door, with any proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Project, so please make your reservations (and indicate the number attending) by email Hackett@lodge.sdcoxmail.com or or leave a message at (619) 295-4420. Thank you for helping us make this a successful and memorable event.

Dennis Stahr, PM

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which was founded on October 1, 1928 by founder Cyrus Field Willard who wrote in 1936 that the Philalethes Society took its name from the Parisian Philaléthes. The society was

created to assist Freemasons in search of a deeper insight in the history, rituals and symbolisms of the Fraternity. But what really got me interested about the society was not about whom they were or what they did but the origin of its name -

Philalethes, which in Greek, means "a lover of truth" and was used by such famous ancient writers. Aristotle and Plutarch. www.freemasonry.org As we celebrate the month of October, it is also a time for us to enjoy our most holiday favorite

Halloween! May you all have a Happy Halloween this month and try not eat too much, candy! See you all again in November.

Sincerely and Fraternally, Bro. Ryan A. Bacaoco Senior Warden





. HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

Brethren, I have been working with our Secretary in an attempt to get our past due dues paid. Some of you have just forgotten or just put off paying your dues. Inadvertent or purposely, it really hurts your Lodge. Just for information, let me bring you up to date on this pressing issue. We have 164 members. At this time, there are 44 Brothers who have not yet paid their dues for 2013. That is roughly one quarter of our membership. Now the affects... Our dues are currently \$82 which are among the very lowest throughout California lodges with at least one being \$500

per year. Of the \$82.00, we have to send \$32 to the Grand Lodge for each Brother. That means the Lodge gets \$50 for each paid member. If you do not pay, the lodge must still pay the Grand Lodge the \$32 for you. That, means at this time, that Samuel Warren Hackett Lodge is paying to the Grand Lodge \$1,408 of your Brothers' money to cover your per-capita. Please consider this and if you have not paid, please do, your Brothers will appreciate it.

. DAVID A. HASLIM, PM

Thank you all. Dennis Stahr, PM.

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