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Romy Quinto, PM
Worshipful Master

MASONIC TRIVIA:

Q. Do you know who Hiram Abif was other than the ceremony you recall?

A. The earliest account is found in the Book of Kings (vii, 13, 14) which reads: “And King Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. He was a widow’s son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass, and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, and cunning, to work all works in brass. And he came to King Solomon and wrought all his work.”

Q. What does Abif mean?

A. A Hebrew word, signifying his father. The word ab or father was a title of honour “often used” says Adam Clarke, in Hebrew, to signify a “master or chief operator”.



From the East:

Worshipful Sirs and Brethren,

Happy New Year to All...! I would like to thank everyone present during the Installation of Officers on December 27 for their support and to everyone who have given their time and effort preparing for the occasion. I can not thank you enough for the wonderful job you have provided! Your selfless dedication to the craft is greatly appreciated.

We have a busy year is ahead of us; and I would like to request all our brethren to participate in all our Lodge activities, degree practices and conferrals. Your support and participation to the Lodge is very much needed. The new list for our 2009 committees will be communicated on the 1st stated meeting and will also be attached on our SGTS Yahoo Group. (If you are not yet a member of the SGTS Yahoo Group, please contact or email our Senior Warden, WB Arnel Paynita at arnel_paynita@yahoo.com (arnel underscore paynita)... I hope everyone on the committee assigned list will support and comply with their respective responsibilities; your cooperation and expertise is appreciated and much needed.

The scheduled degrees and practices will stay "AS IS" unless a request for special meetings or degrees is communicated; then we will make adjustments or special accommodations for such.

Fraternally,

Romeo Quinto, PM
Master

P.S. Friendly Reminder: Brethren, 2009 is here. Please see the Secretary if you haven't received your Dues Card Notice.



From the West:

Brethren,

ENDORISING PETITIONERS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Before endorsing the membership petition of anyone for initiation into the Masonic order, it is necessary to determine the applicant's true motives for initiation, his expectations of the craft, and the quality of his character. A man must be of good moral character and show himself to be capable and desirous of intellectual and philosophical growth. He should be responsible fiscally to the degree of his station in life, and he should be in reasonable health and be capable of participating physically in the ritual and memorization work of the fraternity. Provisions can be made for those men with some physical or mental disabilities to partake of the benefits of Freemasonry, and your master should be consulted if this situation arises before a petition for membership is accepted. Remember that the avowed purpose of Freemasonry is to "make good men better," not repair or resurrect bad ones. Not everyone is qualified by background or temperament to become a Freemason. Like the United States Marine Corps, we are indeed looking for a few good men.

Signing the petition of a man who wishes to become a Freemason is a significant responsibility, and by doing so, be aware you are committing yourself to assist and guide him as he grows in Freemasonry.

Fraternally,
Arnel A. Paynita, PM
Senior Warden



From the West:



From the South:

LOOKING FORWARD WITH HOPEFUL DEDICATION

To My Brethren:

Happy New Year! Let us celebrate by adding another year into our life and let us continue to put life into our years. On New Year's Day, no matter what the past, let us look forward with hope. A New Year is always a time of hope. No matter what the trials of the past, let us renew our dedication to the lodge and to one another in Masonry.

As college and professional football games provide the features of relaxing days, remember not everybody comes out a winner. But we can address ourselves to the matters at hand with confidence, with all-out effort, and most assuredly, with hope. It is in that spirit that I begin this year with you, my Brethren. See you in the lodge.

Brother George

Stated Meeting Menu:

SURPRISE! SURPRISE! SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

January Schedule of Events

- 02 Fri 6:30 pm Stated Meeting Dinner
7:30 pm Stated Meeting, (tuxedo
For Officers, Tuxedo, members,
Business Suit)
- 07 Wed 6:30 pm Practice/Profeciency
- 09 Fri 6:30 pm 1st Degree. Candidate TBD
- 14 Wed 6:30 pm Practice/Profeciency
- 16 Fri 6:30 pm Degree, TBD
- 21 Wed 6:30 pm Practice/Profeciency
- 23 Fri 6:30 pm Degree/TBD
- 26 Mon 7:00 pm DOS/Normal Heights
- 28 Wed 6:30 pm Practice/Profeciency
- 30 Fri 6:30 pm Degree/ TBD
- 02 Mon 6:30 pm Feb Temple Board Meeting

50th Anniversaries

Robert H. Morrill

Verne H. Irving

Frederick F Simmons

Quido B Mariani (Mailed)

Gerald E. Campbell



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MASONIC EDUCATION

Why these two peculiar parallels??

Represented in every regular lodge is a certain point within a circle: the point representing the individual brother, the Circle representing the boundary which he is never to suffer his passions, prejudices or interests. The Circle is bordered by two perpendicular parallel lines, representing St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. Upon the vertex rests the book of Holy Writings, which points out the whole duty of man. While traveling around the circle of everyday life, we touch upon these two lines and upon the Scriptures. But what does this really mean to a man and a Mason and why the Holy Sts. John???

Perusing through Scriptures these two martyrs seem like strange individuals to hold up as examples. John the Baptist diet consisted of honey and locusts and his dress was camel skin clothing and his hair and beard had a "wild" look about it. Maybe not the person we would want to invite to our next stated meeting dinner. In addition, he may not have possessed a lot of tact, for he told you the truth straight to your face, defined the Pharisees as a "brood of viper" and was fond of telling everyone to repent. In our politically correct era, John the Baptist would not be scoring high in the most admired "polls".

St. John the Evangelist was also a different sort. He came from a rich and well to do family and was tormented by searching to find his purpose in life. He was a "hot tempered" individual, so much so, that Jesus called John and his brother James "boanerges" meaning the "sons of thunder" and he did live up to that name.

John the Baptist taught change of character. He pointed to the truth, even at the cost of his life, for he knew the Great Light of Holy Scriptures pointed to a better and wiser way of life. John the Evangelist teaches us to subdue the passions, one of the first lessons every Mason is taught in the Lodge.

If these martyrs form two parallels, then a mason traveling the circle of life must touch both the Sts John and learn from each of them. And as in Masonry, the Bible is called the Great Light and is placed in an open position in the "center" of the lodge-a Brother is admonished to open and learn from the wisdom in all three degrees of Masonry. We must likewise emulate the Sts John in their application of the Great Lights.

As Masonry continues to grow, it will not be through some flashy changes, it will be when each Brother steps off and travels the circle of life on a regular basis, touching upon the each of the patrons and the Holy Writings. The holy Sts John are timeless examples for each of us-their flaws in characters simply depict their humanness-and it is their humanness that we most relate to and if we apply the Scriptures and our Masonic teaching to our daily lives-we too can and will be Better Men.

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Masonic Hall Association Corner

The Silver Gate Three Stars Lodge Blue Lodge neon sign outside the Lodge is being refurbished. It should be completed this month. Projects are being consolidated for execution in the following year; and if you have anything you've wanted to get accomplished in the Lodge please contact anyone of the Association members.