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From the East



MIKE LOGAN, PM
WORSHIPFUL MASTER

Greetings! This being the last Trestle Board of the year I thought that I would reflect a little on the year...The Lodge is sound, we have accepted seven petitions so far this year..(my goal was ten) but we still have November and December to make it happen. We have the honor to have had Judith Langdon, Miss California Job's Daughters, and Miss Christina Railey, Grand Bethel 4th Messenger, Job's Daughters International, Roger Neider, Worthy Grand Patron, Grand Chapter of California Order of the Eastern Star, and Shawn Donohugh, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Lodge of California, and not to mention that San Pedro Chapter was awarded Chapter of the Year in Southern California Jurisdiction, Order of DeMolay. Our programs for the year have been well attended and are growing from year to year. We have

the Wine and Scotch Tasting, with auction that we share with the Eastern Star and this last year we each made over \$1,000 for our respected Charities (J.Clifford Lee Cancer Fund for Eastern Star, and we started a relationship with the U.S.S. Iowa supporting overnight stays for under privileged children.) At the St. John's Feast we took in over \$1,000 for Raising a Reader. In July we move our picnic to the 4th of July and instead of having 11 out for a picnic we had 90 and great fun,,and our Chili Cook-off was a success for it was the first time we made money and we just had our car show with 12 cars. I just want to thank those involved and those who came out and made our functions a success and big THANK YOU!!!! November we have Elections and a new core of Officer's will be Installed on January 10th. Please come out and support the new officers as they embark on their journey. We are having Past Master's Night on November 12th and a First Degree on November 19th. Happy Thanksgiving to all.....

At our December Stated Meeting we will be honoring those receiving their Golden Veterans Award and we will be giving out 25 years pins as well. Our 50 Year members will be treated to a Dinner which will be followed by the presentation in Lodge. Please come out to this special event and place your reservations early with our Junior Warden. Also in December we will be having our Children's Christmas Party on December 10th Please come our with as many kids as you can pack into your car for a great annual event!!!!

December 17 we will be having a Second Degree so come out and support the Lodge during November and December. I want to thank the lodge for electing me to this high honor and supporting the Lodge this year with vim and vigor. I am looking forward to see the programs we have in place grow over the years and to be able to look back and say do you remember when we only had a few and now look at it....the WOW factor.....

Mike Logan W. M.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

1	SAT	DeMolay Installation	7:30PM
3	MON	Eastern Star	7:30PM
5	WED	Dinner (H.A. meeting 6:00pm)	6:30PM
		Stated Meeting (Elections)	7:30PM
7	FRI	Mariner's Night	7:00PM
8	SAT	Job's Daughters	10:00AM
12	WED	Dinner	6:30PM
		Past Master's Night 3rd Degree	7:30PM
14	FRI	DeMolay	7:30PM
17	MON	Eastern Star Installation	7:30PM
19	WED	Dinner	6:30PM
		First Degree	7:30PM
21	FRI	Mariner's Night	7:00PM
22	SAT	Job's Daughters	10:00AM
28	FRI	DeMolay	7:30PM

DECEMBER

1	MON	Eastern Star	7:30PM
3	WED	Dinner (H.A. meeting 6:00pm)	6:30PM
		Stated Meeting	7:30PM
10	WED	Lodge Christmas Party	6:30PM
11	THU	DeMolay	7:30PM
13	SAT	Job's Daughter Installation	7:00PM
15	MON	Eastern Star	7:30PM
17	WED	Dinner	6:30PM
		1st Degree	7:30PM

JANUARY

5	MON	Eastern Star	7:30PM
7	WED	Dinner (H.A. meeting 6:00pm)	6:30PM
		Stated Meeting	7:30PM
9	FRI	DeMolay	7:30PM
10	SAT	Job's Daughters	10:00AM
10	SAT	Annual Installation of Officers	7:00PM



FOR REFLECTION

The Holy Saints John

The real explanation of Freemasonry's connection with the Sts. John is not to be found in the history of the Craft, but in the history of religions. For the festival days of the two Sts. John are as old as the ancient systems of worship of fire and sun. Travel backwards in imagination to an unknown date when the world of men was young; when knowledge did not exist and the primal urges of all humanity were divided between the satisfaction of bodily needs -hunger, thirst, warmth, light and the instincts of self-preservation, mating, and the love of children. The men of that far-off age found everything in nature a wonder. They understood not why the wind blew, what made the rain, from whence came lightning, thunder, cold and warmth; why the sun climbed the heavens in the morning and disappeared at night, or what the stars might be. All primitive people tried to explain mysteries in terms of their daily lives. When angry their emotions resulted in loud shouts and a desire to kill. What more natural than to think thunder and lightning the anger of the Unknown who held their lives and well being in His hands? Ancient man bundled the enemy he conquered out of his cave into the open, where he froze or starved or was eaten by beasts. What more natural than to think the wind, the rain, the cold, a manifestation of an angered Unseen Presence? The greatest manifestation of nature known to our ancient ancestors was the sun. It was always present during the day, and its near kin, fire, warmed and comforted them at night. Under its gentle rays crops grew and rivers rose. The sun kept away the wild beasts by its light. The sun made their lives possible. Sun worship and fire worship were as natural for men just struggling into understanding as the breath they drew. Early recognized facts must have been the sun's slow travel from north to south and back again as the seasons waxed and waned. And so mid summers day, the longest, became a festival; it was the harbinger Or harvest, the birthday of new life, as the winter solstice was significant of the end of the slow decline of the sun, the beginning of a new time of warmth and crop and happiness. Through countless years, in a thousand religious, cults, mysteries, in a hundred climes and lands, priests and people celebrated the solstices. We know it not only from history and the records of ancient peoples, often cut upon stone, but from myths and legends; the story of Ceres and her search for her daughter Proserpine the allegory of Isis, Osiris and Horus. Ancient custom is taken from a people with difficulty. Even today we retain customs the origin of which is lost to most of us. We speak glibly of Yuletide at Christmas, without thinking of an ancient Scandinavian god, Juul. The small boy avers truth "By Golly!" not knowing that he offers his hand (gol) if he speaks not the truth. Those who think it "bad luck" to break a mirror only continue a savage belief that a stone thrown in water which mirrors the face of an enemy will break his heart even as the reflection is broken. If such ideas persist to this day, imagine how strenuously a people would resist giving up a holiday celebration which their fathers' and their fathers' fathers before them had kept for untold ages. So it was when Christianity came to the world. Old feasts and festival days were not lightly to be given up, even by those who put their faith upon a Cross. Hence clever men in the early days of Christianity turned the pagan festivals to Christian usage, and the old celebrations of summer and winter solstice became the Sts. Johns' Days of the Middle Ages. As the slow years passed, those who celebrated thought less and less of what the days really commemorated, and became more and more convinced of their new character. Today, hardly a Freemason gives a thought to the origin of St. John's Day in Winter, or knows his celebration of St. John's Day in midsummer preserves a touch with cavemen ancestors. It was a common custom in the middle Ages for craftsmen to place themselves under the protection of some saint of the church. All the London trades appear to have ranged themselves under the banner of some saint and if possible they chose one who bore fancied relation to their trades Thus the fishmongers adopted St. Peter;

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From the West

By: Dale Francis Ogden, Senior Warden

Update on Dale:

Dale is still undergoing treatments and will be unable to sit in the East in 2015. He is looking forward to getting back to Lodge ASAP and is hopeful to be sitting in the East in 2016 if better and the Brethren so elect him. Call him if you get a chance!



From the South

By: Ronald Eugene Duncan Jr, Junior Warden

Brethren, Sisters and friends,

It has been a great year and I thank you for all your assistance as I was in the South. I am looking forward to sitting in the West next year and assisting our new Junior Warden with words of encouragement as he builds on the social events and programs that we started or continued this year. Also, helping next year's Worshipful Master have it a bit easier. Look well to the South!

Jim Gamble
puppet productions



Come up to the Lodge on Wednesday December 10th at 6:30pm for the Lodge's Annual Christmas Party. Dinner is free! Jim Gamble Puppets will be there and also a special visit from Santa! Bring the kids!

Mariner's Night

NOVEMBER 7

NOVEMBER 21



There will be no Mariner's Night in December. Come to the Shrine Christmas Party on December 19!

FOOD, FRIENDS & FUN

CONTINUED from page 2... the drapers chose the Virgin Mary, mother of the 'Holy Lamb' or 'Fleece' as an emblem of that trade. The goldsmiths' patron was St. Dunstan, represented to have been a brother artisan. The merchant tailors, another branch of the draping business, marked their connection with it by selecting St. John the Baptist, who was the harbinger of the Holy Lamb' so adopted by the drapers. Eleven or more of the guilds had John the Baptist as To say with certainty why Freemasons adopted the two Sts. John, and continue to celebrate days as principal feasts which were once of a far different significance, is not in the power of any historian as yet. But the fitness of these two is obvious in our system if we consider the spiritual suggestion of their lives. St. John the Baptist was a stern and just man; intolerant of sham, of pretense, of weakness; a man of strength and fire, uncompromising with evil or expediency, and yet withal courageous, humble, sincere, magnanimous. A character at once heroic and of rugged nobility, of him the Greatest of Teachers said: "Among them that are born of woman, there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist." Of St. John the Evangelist, the disciple whom Jesus loved, a thousand books have been written, and student has vied with minister, teacher with historian, to find words fitly to describe the character of the gentle writer of the Fourth Gospel. No attempt at rivalry will here be made; suffice it that St. John the Evangelist is recognized the world over as the apostle of love and light, the bringer of comfort to the grief-stricken, of courage to the weak, of help to the helpless, of strength to the falling. Freemasonry is wise in a gentle wisdom which passeth that in books when she takes for her on both the saint who foretold the coming and the saint who taught the law of the Son of Man who walked by Galilee. The question "From whence come you?" and the answer "From the Lodge of the Holy Sts. John at Jerusalem", has puzzled many. None have phrased the simple, explanation of the inner meaning of this with more beauty and clarity than Brother Joseph Fort Newton, he of the golden pen and the voice of music: "There is no historical evidence that either of the two Saints of the church were ever members of the Craft. But they were adopted as its patron Saints, after the manner of former times a good manner it is, too- and they have remained so in Christian lands. Lodges are dedicated to them, instead of to King Solomon, as formerly. "So, naturally, there came the idea, or ideal, of a sacred lodge in the Holy City presided over by the Saints John. No such lodge ever existed in fact, and yet it is not a fiction -it is an ideal, and without such ideals our life would be dim and drab. The thought back of the question and answer, then, is that we come from an ideal or Dream Lodge into this actual work-a-day world, where our ideals are to be tested". We do not know just when, or just how, Freemasonry adopted the Sts. John. Their days are the Christian adaption of pagan festivals of a time when man, knowing no better, worshipped the sun as the supreme God. So when we celebrate our festival days on June 24 and December 27, we walk step by step with ancient ancestors, worshipping as they worshipped, giving thanks as they did; they to the only god they knew for the glory of summer, the beginning of the period when days lengthened- we to the G.A.O.T.U., that our gentle Craft took for its own the austere but loving characters of two among the greatest of the saintly men who have taught of the Father of all mankind.



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| 1963 JOHN D. HOLLAND | 1990 MICHAEL J. LOGAN | 2004 M. SHAWN DONOHUGH | |
| 1971 ROBERT H. HAYNES | 1992 PHILLIP R. HEISS | 2005 M. SHAWN DONOHUGH | |
| 1972 ANTHONY N. ENGLISH | 1993 RICHARD D. WATSON | 2006 M. SHAWN DONOHUGH | |
| 1972 JOHN COSTANTINI | 1994 MICHAEL J. LOGAN | 2007 JEFFREY P. BAKER | |
| 1975 WILLIAM A. STECKER | 1995 ROBERT E. WHITNEY | 2008 JEFFREY P. BAKER | |
| 1977 EDWARD HOLLAND, JR. | 1996 RICHARD D. WATSON | 2009 PHILLIP R. HEISS | |
| 1977 ROBERT R. WOLFE | 1997 JEFFREY P. BAKER | 2010 M. SHAWN DONOHUGH | |
| 1978 THOMAS A. CARSTEN | 1998 RONALD R. MOORE | 2011 RONALD E. DUNCAN, JR. | |
| 1981 BEN C. PONDER | 1999 MICHAEL J. LOGAN | 2012 KENNETH M. FULLER | |
| 1982 WILLIAM A. STECKER | 2000 PHILLIP R. HEISS | 2013 EDWARD J. TAYLOR | |
| 1986 ROBERT A. ERBACKER | 2001 RONALD R. MOORE | | |
| 1988 PAUL H. GALYEAN | 2002 JEFFREY P. BAKER | | |
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| | | | 1975 R. STEPHEN DOAN PGM |
| | | | 1983 DONALD A. HULL |
| | | | 1987 STEVEN R. YOUMANS |
| | | | 1988 DONALD A. HULL |
| | | | 1989 M. SHAWN DONOHUGH |
| | | | 1998 JOSEPH P. BOWKER |

<p>ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR 1ST & 3RD MONDAYS AT 7:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>STEPHANIE WINN 760-453-6077 ROGER NIEDER 562-431-4669</p> <hr/> <p>The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world to which both men and women may belong. Founded on heroic conduct and moral values, it is open to all faiths. The stated purposes of the organization are: Charitable, Educational, Fraternal and Scientific. It is dedicated to love, service charity and truth.</p>	<p>ORDER OF JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2ND SATURDAYS AT 10:00 AM 4TH SATURDAYS AT 7:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>ROBIN LOGAN 310-833-3648 ERIC LANGDON 310-831-1067</p> <hr/> <p>Job's Daughters is an organization of young women between the ages of 10 and 20. It is an order that promotes fun, while offering life skills that teach young women about the importance of organization, leadership, service to others and scholarship.</p>	<p>ORDER OF DEMOLAY 2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS AT 7:30 PM</p> <hr/> <p>MIKE LOGAN 310-833-3648 RON DUNCAN 714-476-4642</p> <hr/> <p>DeMolay is an organization for young men, 12 to 21 years of age, who develop management, leadership and social skills as they participate in community projects, sports, and educational programs. Young men learn to grow into responsible adults of good moral character, providing them with lots of fun, companionship, and the opportunity to develop solid values.</p>
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