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Thoughts from the East

Brethren's this has been a very busy month, so far we have conferred three Degrees with one to do later this month. Two Apprentices and one Fellowcraft. We have our Fellowship Dinner coming up on May 31st, so mark your calendar and bring your wife and family and enjoy the fellowship. We visited both Ruidoso and Tularosa Lodges this past month, and it seems they have degree work going on also. It's good to see the candidates coming in.

We had our Deputy Grand Master RW Brother Jay Harris visit Sacramento Lodge this month and our District Deputy Grand Master, RW Brother Ron Wright will visit in June. We were pleased to have the Deputy Grand Master Jay Harris and look forward to having the DDGM Ron Wright in June. We will have a dinner before the meeting in June, so come to the dinner and greet him. Brethren, this month we had a terrible accident to one of the members of the Lodge, Matthew Zajac, who is (was) serving in Iraq. He lost a leg and a foot and suffered injuries to his arm and face. He has been brought to Brooks A.F.B. in San Antonio, Texas, so we need to keep him, his Dad Michael and his Brother Nick Zajac,



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who are also members of the Lodge, in our Prayers.

Now for some happy news, Brandon Haug, a new member of Sacramento Lodge since February 3, 2007, and also grandson to the Worshipful Master and son of member David Haug, has won several awards this year while playing football at ENMU. He received the Community Challenge Award for outstanding performance and lasting contributions; received a Letter Award for his Freshman 2006 Football Season; received the Jack Scott " Fighting Heart" Award (Freshman of the Year Award); and, was nominated for the Freshman of the Year Award for the Lonestar Conference. We are very proud of him. See you in Lodge!

Worshipful Master

The Member Who Never Came Back!

It amuses me now to think that your organization spends so much time looking for new members -- when I was there all the time. Do you remember me?

I am the fellow who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have his own friends to talk and sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces

several times, but they did not pay much attention to me.

I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or to somehow participate and contribute.-- no one did.

Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting. The next month no one asked me where I had been. I guess it did not matter very

much whether I was there or not. On the next meeting date I decided to stay home and watch a good program on television. When I attended the next meeting, no one asked me where I was the month before.

You might say that I am a good guy, a good family man, that I hold a responsible job and love my community.

You know what else I am? I am the member who never came back!

A New Masons Thoughts
By
Doug Moore

Several months ago I began a journey all Masons have taken; the journey to Masonry. The path began with E.A. entrance into the Lodge. The ritual was an experience I won't forget.

I worked for several months on my proficiency. My coaches and all the men at the Lodge were a big help. In May I gave my proficiency and received my next degree initiation and charge.

This experience was even more enriching for me. As I knew more about Masonry and was able to better understand the goals of the teachings. My brother Masons were beside me all through this process; encouraging, helping, and supporting but not leading me, for no Mason can be lead on this journey. I must take it on my own, following the path others have taken for centuries. But I am not alone. All I have to do is look to the North or South and all along the path, I know I will find my Brothers who have traveled this way themselves and they will provide me with encouragement and support that I may complete this leg of my journey and continue on. Eastward, always towards the East and the Light.

Doug Moore, Fellowcraft

FROM THE WEST

Fellowman

How good it is to have the fellowship with our brothers through Masonry.

We visit and discuss our lives during coffee some mornings.

We visit a little before and after a meeting or practice.

We visit our fellowman when he is ill. We assist when they call.

We write to our fellowman when he is away.

We pray for our fellowman when could be in harms way.

We work with our coaches and visit as we progress to our next goal.

We travel to and from another lodge and visit while we travel.

We attend another lodge and visit with new found friends and brothers.

We visit a family of a worthy distressed fellowman.

To this entire let it be said, as we visit, we continue to understand, familiarize ourselves with and show compassion for our inner fellowman. We will forever strive to treat others as we would like to be treated. How good it is to continue to know our fellowman.

We are Masons and our fellowman is our interest in building toward the celestial mansion the Great Architect of the Universe has designed for us.

Ward W. Kenyon, Senior Warden

From The South

AN OLD ENGLISH CLOSING

O Sovereign and Most Worshipful of all Masters who, in Thy infinite love and wisdom, hast devised our Order as a means to draw Thy children nearer Thee, and hast so ordained its Officers that they are emblems of Thy sevenfold power;

Be Thou unto us an outer Guard, and defend us from the perils that beset us when we turn from that which is without to that which is within;

Be Thou unto us an Inner Guard, and preserve our souls that desire to pass within the portal of Thy holy mysteries; Be unto us the Younger Deacon, and teach our wayward feet the true and certain steps upon the path that leads to Thee: Be Thou also the Elder Deacon, and guide us up the steep and winding stairway to Thy throne;

Be unto us the Lesser Warden, and in the meridian sunlight of our understanding speak to us in sacraments that shall declare the splendors of Thy unmanifested light;

Be Thou also unto us the Greater Warden, and in the awful hour of disappearing light, when vision fails and thought has no more strength, be with us still, revealing to us, as we may bear them, the hidden mysteries of Thy shadow;

And so, through light and darkness, raise us. Great master, till we are made one with Thee, in the unspeakable glory of Thy presence in the East.



Junior Warden

From the Secretary's Desk



Delmar Sanders
Secretary
Sacramento Lodge

This month I would like to use this article on 'Allegory' from the "Pocket Encyclopedia of Masonic symbols", but first, I need to remind you once again to take a good look at your 'Dues Card' and make sure that it says it is 2007. The Cards all look the same except for the date, so it is easy to confuse them. There are still 40 members who have not paid their 2007 Dues of \$60.00, so please humor me and look at your card! "Allegory"

"Freemasonry is called a beautiful system of morals veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Allegory is from two Greek words and means literally "other story"- a story that has been told as a fact, but here expressing the doctrine of immortality. Allegory, parable, fable, myth, legend, tradition, are correlative terms. The myth may be founded on fact; the legend and tradition more probably are founded on fact; but the allegory, parable, fable, are not. Yet they may be more true, if true is not taken to mean factual." In the night of death hope sees a star and love can hear rustle

of a wing" is beautifully true allegory, but not factual. All allegories may contain truth, with out being fact.

The allegory of the Masters Degree is not true in any factual sense, except the historical background from the Biblical account of the Temple. There is no evidence that Solomon and the two Hiram's were Grand Masters.; that the workmen on the building were Entered Apprentices, Fellowcraft and Master Masons: that they met in various apartments of the Temple, with different numbers required for various quorums; that he tragedy occurred; that the events delineated in the ceremony actually happened.

Yet the allegory is true in the best sense of the word. For the story of Hiram is the story of the dearest hope of mankind. It is a tale told in every religion. It is affirmation, by picture, drama, story, of mans rugged faith that Jobs immortal question, "If a man die, shall he live again?", must be answered in the affirmative. It is a Mason's observation that truth, slain by error, will be born again; it is the story of Isis and Osirus; it is the crucifixion and the resurrection of the Carpenter who died between two thieves. *The legend of the third degree is true in the deepest sense of truth.*"

See you at the Lodge meeting !

*Your Secretary,
Delmar Sanders*

Birthdays, Actual and Masonic

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>MASONIC</u>	
Alan Charles Baker	6/30/1950	Eddie Ray Bentley	6/2/1986
Paul Frelick Becker	6/13/1936	Robert D Burris,.	6/17/1963
Alan Benjamin Berg	6/19/1961	Larry Laverne Eakin	6/20/1994
Kenneth C Garland	6/26/1915	Jorgen T Hallbeck	6/7/2006
Garnett Gerald E.	6/24/1930	Frank A. Hegwer	6/15/1998
Christopher James Gendron	6/27/1984	Kenneth Chalmers Holt	6/7/1976
Robert Kent House	6/10/1961	Martin Irwin	6/21/1961
Ward W Kenyon .	6/14/1955	Robert A. Lewis	6/5/1986
King David W.	6/28/1946	James T. Lynch III	6/9/1975
Robert Edward Moore	6/28/1924	George E McMurry	6/5/1946
Walter S Mullins .	6/30/1917	George Wendall Moree .	6/25/1990
David Lee Ray	6/27/1931	Charles Price Sr.	6/22/1961
Richard Spoula	6/4/1932	Jimmie D. Randall	6/4/1968
Robert L Stapp .	6/12/1941	Gerald A. Stickley	6/20/1961
Paul L. Stevens	6/8/1934	L. Lowell Stough	6/6/1961
Mack A. Varnum	6/10/1933	Stephen Lowell Swisher	6/22/1992
Charles Henry Weidman	6/22/1935	Ted Williams	6/27/1952
Michael Zajac,	6/20/1955	Keith Wooldridge,	6/6/2001
		James D. Wyatt	6/3/1958

June 2007

11th New Mexico Masonic District
 Sacramento #24, Carrizozo #41, Tularosa #49, Ruidoso #73, Mountain Top #81

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30 PM Scottish Rite	2 11:00 AM MTN Top
3	4 7:30 PM Ruidoso 73 Stated Mtg	5	6 6:30 Tularosa Ritual Practice	7 7:30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S Rainbow @ 6:30	8	9 9:00 AM DDGL Ritual
10	11 7:30 PM Tularosa 49 Stated Mtg	12 7:30 PM Alamo OES Family Hot Dog fun meal	13 6:30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice Carrizozo #41	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16 LC Scottish Rite
17 <i>Fathers Day</i>	18 7:30 PM Tularosa OES	19 7:30 PM Amaranth Stated	20 6:30 Tularosa Ritual	21 7:30 PM Sacramento 24	22	23
24 <i>Saint John the Baptist Day</i>	25	26	27 6:30 PM Sacramento	28	29	30

Special Meeting June 6th, Carrizozo will hold the annual meeting @ the Lincoln Court House.

June 17 — Masonic Olympics at the Ballut Abyad Shrine Center in Albuquerque

Kingston lodge—Turn of the century meeting

June 30—Estancia Lodge outdoor Degree to be at Mountainair, check GL web site special events section for Details (Oklahoma Indian Degree Team will be putting on the MM Degree.