



Sacramento Masonic Lodge

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White Sands Shrine Club
William Beckett
President

Nobles and Brethren

Without Masonry, Shrinedom is built on sand. There are other ways to deal with issues at a Grand Lodge, where the Grand Master, like the Potentate and Imperial Potentate, only rule for one year. You can also do the same at your local Lodge. Hurray for term limits. If your Grand Lodge goes crazy, you CAN join a Lodge at another jurisdiction, but I would say that you would do the craft a better good by working within the rules of your Grand Lodge to correct a wrong. Don't be like those movie stars moving to Australia/ Canada/ etc. Go ahead – move. Will that resolve the problems here? I don't think so. We need to work together to improve and maintain our Blue Lodges, and the Shrine will benefit from our labor. Many are against the Shrine because some Shriners forget they are Masons first. It is each and every one of our jobs to change that perception. Then and only then can those Lodges be supportive of our Shrine. Show me a Lodge that has a strong support by Shriners, and I'll show you a Lodge where no bad word can be said about us. Oh, by the way, this will also be a Lodge where petitions don't just sit at the Tyler's desk, but are filled out.

June was a good month, the Potentate visit came and went with a lot of fanfare and a lot of success. Now it is time to get busy and prepare for July.

July 4th will find the club in Capitan at the parade and after the parade we will be enjoying hamburgers and hot dogs courtesy of the Ruidoso Shrine Club. For a small village, Capitan puts on a big parade. Some Cities could learn from their example.

July 5th will find us at the Gran Quivera Monument. If you have not visited that site you are in for a very pleasant surprise. Noble Brother Biggs will be our personal guide for that excursion. There we will enjoy hamburgers and all the fixings provided by the club members.

Brethren, as we go into the summer season please be careful as you travel about our great country, at home be wary of high temperatures, stay cool and drink a lot of water. Please, we want to be talking to you and not about you.

Bill Beckett

Birthdays

William T. Beckett Jr.	7/09/1941
Dennis K. Belknap	7/17/1951
David Lee Brown	7/09/1937
George Thomas Caruso	7/04/1943
Edwin E. Dewlen	7/03/1922
Lloyd R. Garmon	7/24/1956
Daniel Joseph Glass	7/11/1945
Jorgen T Hallbeck	7/20/1968
Jeffery A. Hunt	7/21/1957
Martin Irwin	7/07/1934
LeRoy Kalbfliesh III	7/26/1948
George E. McMurry	7/04/1913
Hollis Nosker	7/14/1917
Charlie D. Price Jr	7/24/1958
Chester G. Sehorn	7/01/1919
William Michael Sims	7/09/1960
Darrel W. Sinclair	7/08/1926
G. Burton Skinner	7/19/1931
L. Lowell Stough	7/06/1925
George R. Wood	7/15/1926
James D. Wyatt	7/21/1935

Masonic Anniversaries

Spencer W. Atkins	7/02/1948
Dennis K. Belknap	7/17/1989
Edgar L. Buck	7/17/1978
Aubrey L. Dunn Jr.	7/07/1955
LeRoy Kalbfliesh III	7/02/1984
Eddie Lee Kemp	7/07/2007
Patrick R. King	7/21/1975
William R. Liederbrand	7/22/1947
Douglas Lee Moore	7/07/2007
Kevin M Owens	7/19/2001
Alfred E. Pigg	7/24/1943
Randal Lee Rabon	7/07/2007
Chester G. Sehorn	7/08/1967
William Michael Sims	7/07/2007
Joe B. Stewart	7/29/1966
Steven M. Thames	7/25/1951
Raymond C. Welley	7/12/1955
Alexander M. Whitten	7/07/2007

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Junior Deacon Mike Simms
Bill MacVeigh Chaplain
Senior Steward Bob Coleman
Junior Steward Alex Whitten
Marshall Troy Poovey
Tyler Ken Holt

There is no limit to the height a person can attain by staying on the level.



**Daniel J. Glass
Junior Warden
Sacramento #24**

Change: A Dangerous and Inevitable Thing- Part II

When I started to write Part I , I knew there was a lot more of the story and some of my conjecture which, I felt needing telling- so here goes, I will apologize in advance for my naïve ignorance any offence one might take from an opinion, in particular mine.

Think of a time when all knowledge and understanding of man was undifferentiated, perhaps known, for lack of a better term, as Magic. Later this would evolve (change) into Religion, Science and Philosophy. It is really hard for us to imagine this, coming from a time when we are (what seems) so much more knowledgeable and sophisticated in theories, causes and effects, doctrines, and taxonomies. But there was such a time, and it lasted through the Middle Ages that started in 1066 with the return of the Normans at the Battle of Hastings into the 15th century. Some called it "The Dark Ages", particularly after plagues swept through the European Continent. There were plenty of "dark" things during these times, but the darkest was that mankind just didn't seem to advance in almost any way during that period. There were the Knights Templars, which, as I discussed earlier, seemed to start out as something noble and of merit only to evolve into quite a different institution. We haven't talked much of Feudalism, Inquisitions and Tortures (to name a few on the practices of the time) but surely the term "dark ages" is appropriate.

Well something happened, and we (or at least the Moderns of Freemasonry) were a significant part of that incredible change. It was a period of revival and rediscovery. As just one example, the basic building material concrete, which was known and used by Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, had seemingly been lost until the 1500 to 1600's when it was rediscovered. How miraculous; how mysterious. During this time there was a humanistic revival of classical art, architecture, literature and learning, a building of mankind's knowledge base. Philosophically, man's view of himself and his relationship with God and Government (there's that word again) *changed*. Suddenly the deity of royalty just didn't make sense; we all meet on the level as the Freemasons said it. Each one of us as a human being was seen to possess sovereign rights.

Who were these Moderns in America? To name a few there were the likes of George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, Patrick Henry and John Hancock. These founding fathers brought forth and advanced changes such as freedom, liberty, rights of the governed and forged (by change) the beginning of our

blessed country. But we are talking about change here, and it must be noted not everybody saw it this way, certainly King George- or for that matter all of the colonists or even all Freemasons. There will always be resistance to and fear of change, and not all, for unfounded reasons. We saw ourselves as Patriots, they saw us as Revolutionaries. "Give me Liberty or Give me Death" said Patrick Henry one of our greatest Patriots, in fact the American Revolution 1775-1783 casualties have been reported to be:

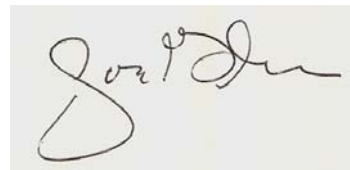
	England	United States
KIA	22,500	15,000
Deaths from Disease	63,000	27,000
Civilian Deaths	6,000	

Was it worth it, unquestionably! - Can change be costly, most certainly!

During the French Revolution (1789-1799) the motto of the Freemasons was "Liberty, Equality, Brotherhood." This revolution deteriorated into years of murder and terror. Many began to identify Masons with those years of madness and here, I believe, starts another major change in Freemasonry. There was rise and finally merging in 1815 of the Moderns with the Ancients with more emphasis and rhetoric on "harmony", "like minds" and "unity".

Change is a universal constant, and Lord knows we need, in fact must make changes to even survive in this modern era. Unless, of course, you might feel it would be an honor to be one of the last of the Freemasons. Even this glimpse of history demonstrates we must have passion in all we do but thoughtfulness as well, our old dilemma represented so well by our Patron Saints.

Maybe next time we can take a closer look at those terms passion, harmony and unity and see what we can learn from them.



WEB SITES

- Grand Lodge <http://nmmasons.org>
- Sacramento Lodge <http://sacramento24.org>
- Tularosa Lodge <http://tularosamasons.com>

There are many links to found in the Grand Lodge web site as well as many other useful links and sites.

From the Secretary's Desk



Delmar Sanders
Secretary
Sacramento Lodge

I have been requested to share the following:
CONCERNING MAKING CHANGES IN FREE-
MASONRY AND/OR ATTEMPTING TO DE-
FINE FREEMASONRY AS A SOCIAL CLUB
AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORGANIZA-
TION:

In the installation of Officers the Master is admonished," You admit that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry

In the ante-room lecture we are asked" Do you seriously declare upon your honor that you will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity?"

We all answered that question in the affirmative, from the youngest entered apprentice to the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

In closing a lodge the Master admonishes us, "Brethren, you are now to quit this sacred retreat of friendship and virtue to mix again with the World." I am still at odds with the definition of Freemasonry as, "that's who we are and what we do," as it pertains to Lodges being involved in community projects; involvement of the lodge s in the outside world away from the Lodge.

In my mind, Freemasonry is a sacred retreat away from the outside world where we live our day to day lives.

The Lodge is meant to be different from that world. In that outside world men are separated by politics, religion, property, money, status and you name it! In the Lodge that is all cast away. We meet on the level. In that outside world men solicit members into their clique; in the lodge we do not. (We didn't use to!) . The Lodge should not be a clique and we should not have cliques in the Lodge! In that outside world men are egotistical, materialistic, domineering and self-serving. In the Lodge we experience the death of the ego, the materialism, the urge to dominate, the selflessness, and realize the

birth of the spirit, the spirit of Masonry! (Or as they say in the military, "Esprit de corps!") In that outside world men are to busy to join and to be active in a fraternity. In the Lodge some men, somehow, find that they really do have time for their Lodge! Others just fade away and contribute nothing and get nothing from their Lodge (from Freemasonry).

I believe that the teachings of Freemasonry will produce men who will become active in their community and in community projects. The activity of the Lodge in community projects is good; but activity of the Freemasons as individuals is greater, better and farther reaching. The Lodge is obligated to civic projects from year to year as the Master and Brethren see fit. The individual Mason, so trained and committed to the tenets and principles of Freemasonry will serve his community in civic affairs for his lifetime or as long as he is able."

I think that we should return to the basics of what Freemasonry has been, is now and will be in the future. A spiritual and sacred retreat from the ego dominated world outside. The public and community projects we are involved in are not" who we are and what we do!" I realize that some cannot see that. Some are still living in that outside world when they come into the Lodge. They simply cannot separate from that outside world and leave it behind! To separate from that outside world one must accept the tenets and principles of Freemasonry. To separate from that outside world one must practice in the Lodge and away from the Lodge those tenets and principles taught in the Lodge.

In my opinion, if one believes in Ancient Craft Freemasonry, if one accepts Ancient Craft Freemasonry, if one practices the tenets and principles of Ancient Craft Freemasonry, he would not bring concepts of change from that outside world into the Lodge. There is nothing wrong with Freemasonry! If a mans ego comes between him and his commitment to the Lodge, it is he and his ego that is at fault and not the lodge! To really be a freemason, one must accept the death of his ego and the birth of the Masonic spirit; he must adapt to Freemasonry: Freemasonry will not and should not adapt to him! He must experience the Masonic experience!

Thanks for reading;

Delmar Sanders, Secretary, Sacramento 24

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

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<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
		1 7:30 pm Prince Hall #11	2 1:00 PM White Sands MOVED TO 5Th @ Gran Quivera	3	4 6:30 PM Scottish Rite Club	5 11:00 AM MTN Top {Dark}
6	7 7:30 PM Ruidoso #72	8 7:30 PM Alamo OES Ice Cream Social	9 6:30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	10 7:30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S	11	12
13	14 7:30 PM Tularosa #49 Stated Mtg dinner @ 6:30	15 7:30 PM Amaranth Stated Mtg.	16 6:30 Tularosa Rit- ual Practice	17 7:30 PM Sacramento 24	18 6:00 PM Rocket Shrine Club	19 LC Scottish Rite 10:00 AM Prince Hall #11
20	21 7:30 PM Tularosa OES Stated Mtg.	22	23 6:30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 7:00 PM Carrizozo #41		