



TRESTLEBOARD

VIEW FROM THE EAST

By Michael Kofta, Worshipful Master

Greetings from the East,

May the Great Architect of the Universe carry you safely to your summer destinations and just as safely back to the Lodge in the fall.

WOW!! Brothers, we have been extremely busy trying to tie up loose ends before we went dark. I was truly amazed at the showing that we had at our first degree last Saturday. Thank you to all the ladies that showed up on short notice to offer their assistance. I hope you all enjoyed your time together.

I was very pleased with the showing of our new Officers and Master Masons that stepped up to assist in putting on the last couple of degrees that we have done.

Bikes for Books was a smashing success as usual. Thank you Brother Brad Hamner for your work at bringing everything together for this year's program. Thank you to all the Brothers that showed up to help pass out the bicycles. I understand that the fundraising for next years bikes is already underway. Great job Brother Brad!

A last minute push for the Paint the Building and a huge thank you to Worshipful Brother David McHone and his wife Lisa who put us over the top in a big way! The project now goes to Worshipful Brother Dale Kreger who will deal with the business of getting the approval from the city and the historical people before he begins to paint.

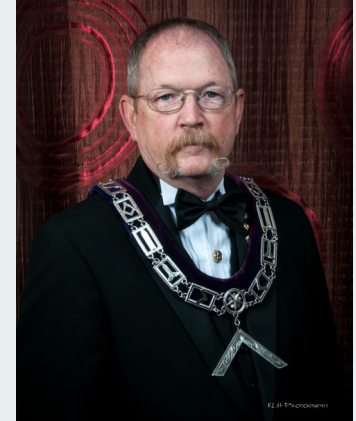
136th Grand Lodge Annual Communication went well, and we brought back the award for the Master Web site for a medium sized lodge. Thank you, WB Jack Frost, for all your hard work and efforts!

We also brought back this year's Junior Grand Steward for the Grand Lodge of Arizona – Worshipful Brother Mike Dale. Congratulations and best wishes for your journey to the Grand East.

Legislation that passed were the Grand Masters Recommendations allowing the Grand Lodge to own real property under its own name, allowing a Mason who is not a Master, Warden or Past Master of an Arizona Lodge to be elected as Grand Secretary. Resolution 2017-04 requiring that a proficiency card be issued prior to the election time of officers and Officers shall be installed within 60 days of the Stated Meeting at which they were elected. Effective January 1, 2019. Resolutions 2018-01 and 2018-02 regarding use of Lodges and floor operations of Lodges in fundraising activities such as raffles and bingo. Resolution 2018-05 amendments to the RAMS; Certificate for Foreign Entered Apprentice, Notice of Action on Appeal, Restoration by Grand Lodge, Petition for Restoration from Sentence of Suspension or Expulsion and Transmission of Documents to the Accused.

We are still looking for as much assistance as possible for our upcoming Outdoor Degree in December. Let the Senior Warden or myself know how you are available to help.

Brothers and Sisters, if you have any problems or concerns for the lodge please let me know. My phone number and Email address are in the Trestle board. If you have any complaints, see our Grievance Committee chairman or his secretary. If you have any compliments or praise, please let those that did the work know and recognize them.



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ON THE LEVEL

By Michael Dale, Senior Warden

Greetings from the South.

I just returned home from the Grand Lodge of Arizona. I do not know what the future holds for Masonry in Arizona, but legislation that was passed will certainly make it better. If you haven't heard by now, I have been appointed as the Junior Grand Steward for the 2018 - 2019 Masonic Year by Most Worshipful Brother Craig Gross, Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons of Arizona. This position is the bottom of the progressive line that ultimately leads to possibly becoming Grand Master of Masons of Arizona. This is a great honor and privilege for myself and our Lodge. I will perform this duty to the best of my ability. I am sure that I may need assistance or possibly some good and timely counsel from time to time. I am sure that all my brothers will be there when and if I do need assistance.

I am also active in Yuma Chapter #14, Order of the Eastern Star and have been elected Associate Patron for the ensuing year with Carol Simson by my side as the Associate Matron. It should be a wonderful year for the Chapter with Ruth Wilmot as Worthy Matron



BY THE PLUMB

By Sean R. Godfrey, Junior Warden

It has been a busy spring this year, as we finished up our Bikes for Books presentations earlier in the month of May, along with last minute proficiencies & Degree work leading up to the 136th Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge of F.&A.M. Of Arizona, which took place on 31MAY18-02JUN18. I congratulate all of the 136th Grand Lodge duly installed officers of the Grand line & 2018 Award recipients. I also would like to especially congratulate two(2) of our very own brothers from Yuma (Territorial) Lodge No.17 W.B. Mikel K. White 32°: District Deputy Grand Master & SK W.B. Michale A. Dale: Junior Grand Steward, for their highly

and Mikel White as the Worthy Patron. My wife BJ is the Chaplain and my daughter Sabrina is Esther. My son-in-law DJ (your Senior Steward) has turned in a petition to join and after his initiation it will truly be a family affair.

My activities in the York Rite find me as the Eminent Commander of Yuma Commandry #10 and a Grand Guard for the Grand Commandry of Arizona. Grand Communication for the York Rite is in August and I can only guess as to what the future will bring there.

As President of the Yuma Shrine Club, I invite all Master Masons to help El Zaribah Shrine in Phoenix by thinking long and hard about becoming a member of the Shrine Club. Yes, my little car is still going strong.

If you know of someone that is a member of the Lodge, reach out to them and find out if they would like to come by the Lodge for a visit. If it has been a while and you don't want to embarrass yourself by forgetting some things, just let me now and I will be more than happy to give you some Rusty Trowel lessons.

respected Grand offices they represent & were installed in to.

- School presentations: This year for the Bikes for Books Program we gave out a total of 40 bikes, between six(6) middle schools throughout two(2) districts. The two(2) individual school presentations went exceptionally well with W.B. Jack Frost out in front pumping up the crowd at Dateland MS into an arduous roar of excitement before finally handing it off to the grand marshal of ceremonies Bro. Brad Hammner, who did an outstanding job at keeping the young-



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By Antero Trujillo

THE MASONIC SIGNIFICANCE OF PSALM 133

By Sir Knight Jonathan P. Park, PGC

*Behold! How good and pleasant it is,
 For brethren to dwell together in unity.
 It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
 That ran down upon the beard,
 Even Aaron's beard,
 That went down to the skirts of his garments.
 As the dew of Hermon.
 And as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion.
 For there the Lord commanded the blessing, even
 Life forevermore.*

The words printed above have been heard by virtually every Mason in at least one context. They were often the first words we heard upon initially entering the Lodge. Of course, the words have another and older significance, constituting the entirety of the 133rd Psalm. Psalm 133 has had Masonic resonance and meaning for over a millennium, having been traced to elements of the initiation rites of early (ca. 1100) Templars.¹ For centuries since, Psalm 133 has been the biblical text generally associated with opening on the first degree of Masonry.

Psalms

It is believed that the entirety of the Psalms (150 in all) represent the work of 500 to 1000 years, with many of the later psalms (including the 133rd) said to be in the style of David. Psalms largely originated as the religious or patriotic songs of the Israelites. They were sung with the accompaniment of an instrument, loosely referred to as a "psaltery," which could have been a harp, zither, or lyre.

The Bible praises King David as the singer of the songs of Israel, and for his ability in playing the zither; these talents were acknowledge as David later was invited to enter the court of King

Saul. (1 Samuel 16:22-23) David was an excellent psalmist, and although we do not know how many of the psalms can be directly attributed to him, seventy-three of them are designated with the formula "Le David."

Throughout Christian history, Psalm 133 has been called the *Song of Degrees* and the psalm of brotherhood, fraternity, ascendance, and concordance. Before the Masonic usage and significance of Psalm 133, it very probably had significant roots in the ancient legend, or David's song, of the congregation of pilgrims who gathered in the great esplanade of the Temple. People from the entirety of Israel, not previously aware of each other nor of their shared lineage, heritage, or destiny, came from the Babylonian captivity to congregate in the land of Israel as brothers and sisters of a great family and shared nation.

In this brief article, I intend to explore the meaning and Masonic significance of Psalm 133. These are often the first lines heard by Masons, and their aural and evocative significance must account for their preservation throughout millennia.

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Trustees' Meetings: First Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Lodge members welcome.

York Rite Bodies

Stated Meetings: First Monday at 7:30 pm.

Practice: Third Monday at 7:30.

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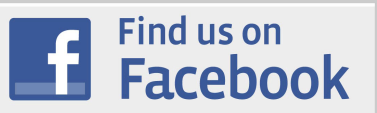
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Meetings: Second Monday at 7:00 pm.

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sters actively in gauged & involved throughout the entirety of the ceremonies. A special thanks to Bro. Brad for all of his hard work throughout the year & to all of the donors & volunteers who unselfishly devoted their time & efforts to make sure these events were a success.

- Bikes for Books Shout out!: We give these young students a brief feeling of freedom & independence (as short lived as it may be, w/ their hands tightly wrapped around those Handel bars.) for their hard work & dedication to their studies & for the furthering of their education throughout the school year. I will say this; if donating a bike, helmet, tassels or a reflector et cetera wasn't satisfying enough in itself, seeing the pure over zealous joy all over these young recipients faces as they walked up to receive their bikes was well worth the price of admission! I encourage each one of you brothers to do what you can in help & support of the Bikes for Books program to keep it alive & to keep awarding these young aspiring students for their achievements throughout the school year; whether it's an inter tube, a reflector(s), a tassel(s), helmet, or even a whole bike or just coming out in support at these functions: I promise you, you're unselfish contribution you make will not be more deserving & more appreciated then to these young students who participate in this program each year.
- Scholarship Grants: This year in the Masonic Scholarship Grant program I am pleased to announce

our Three(3) selected recipients of a Scholarship Grant in the amount of \$500: Shaylee M. Seals, Carlos A. Gutierrez, & Katheryn A. White. Each one of these students have shown an attentive dedication to both their studies & to those around them, & We couldn't be more pleased to have such highly dedicated & recommend students accepted into this year's Scholarship program. Congratulations to all of this years 2018 Grant recipients. We are currently accepting Grant application's now through April 15th, 2019. Please address all applications to the temple: Attention Scholarship committee.

As I get ready to rise my truncheon/column once more, as we get ready to go from labor to refreshment over these next several months, I would like to wish all of our traveling brethren & their families to have safe travels this summer wherever they may lead you & to everyone else, here & there, withersoever dispersed: May each one of you have an exceptional summer, & may the Great Architect bless you on your journey(s) & safely return ye, as ye once came. God bless you all & We look forward to seeing all of you back here in the Fall!

I also would like it to be known that just because we are going dark brethren does not mean that there is no light in FreeMasonry! Get with any of you're pedestal officers or Lodge Trustees & they will be more than happy to come down & open up the temple & library unto you. All books must be checked out through W.B. Mikel K. White prior to leaving the temple.

Fraternally yours in faith,
Sean R. Godfrey 32°
Junior Warden/Trustee

The History of Freemasonry

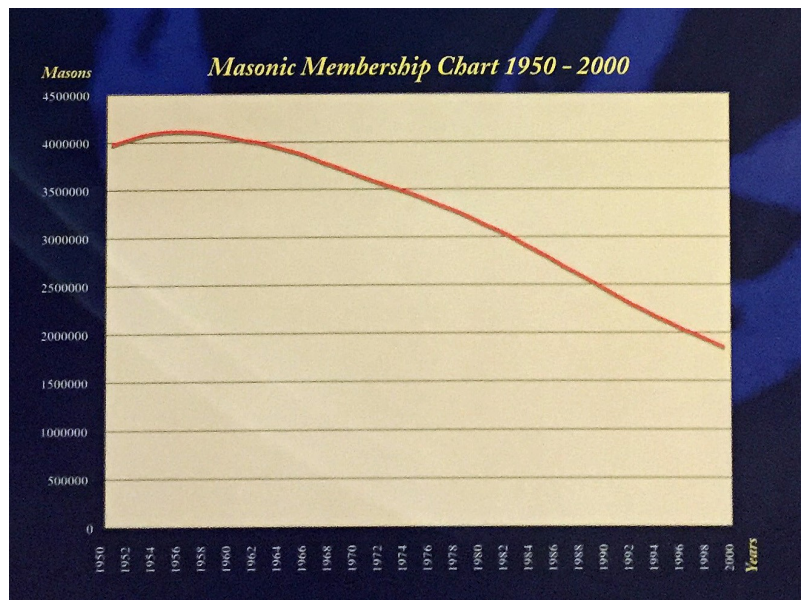
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American Globalization 1950–2000

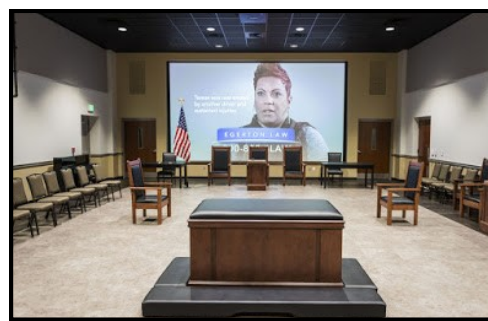
Between 1945 and 1965, both the United States and Freemasonry experienced an unprecedented era of growth and prosperity. The shortages and sacrifices during the war years turned into domestic wealth in the post-war decades. American factories manufactured everything from automobiles to toothbrushes as corporations learned the power of television advertising. American diplomatic and military power remained preeminent in the face of growing Communist aggression. Freemasonry also enjoyed greater prosperity as membership rose to over four million by 1959.

But after 1960, Freemasons and all Americans witnessed stark changes in society. The consumer economy, role of government and the U.S. military foreign policy reached their limits in the 1970s. The American family was radically changed as the divorce rate increased, more wives went into the workforce and more husbands participated in the home. This shift had an even greater impact on Freemasonry. Membership nationwide began to drop as the Baby Boom generation refused to follow their fathers into the Lodge. Although older Masons continued to support a wide variety of charities, many local Lodges were forced to merge or close and the large Masonic buildings became difficult to maintain.

But even as the nation reasserted its global role in the 1980s and enjoyed renewed prosperity in the 1990s, civic life declined as people spent more time alone in front of a television or computer screen. Freemasonry membership continued to decline and only in the late 1990s did a revival begin when a younger generation began to join.



NEW MASONIC PHILANTHROPIES, 1950 - 2000	
1951	Tall Cedars Foundation
1952	Scottish Rite (SJ) Centers for Childhood Language Disorders
1955	Knights Templar Eye Foundation
1957	Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota
1962	Shrine Burns Institute for Children
1974	Kansas Masonic Oncology Clinic
1974	Royal Arch Auditory Research Assistance
1975	Scottish Rite (NMJ) National Heritage Museum
1977	Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Program
1979	Amaranth Diabetes Foundation
1986	National Masonic Foundation for Children
1986	Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation
1995	Scottish Rite (NMJ) Learning Centers for Children
1996	The Masonic Child Identification Program



The Brethren in Winston-Salem, NC sold their 1950s-era building in 2013, which was home to several lodges and appendant bodies. They were then faced with the dilemma so many others have dealt with over the years - whether to buy and refurbish an existing structure that was never designed with the peculiar needs of Masonry in mind, or to start from scratch.

They chose to commit their resources to a whole new facility, that has both Freemasonry and the general public in mind. Built as the fraternal home to about 1,200 Freemasons in the Triad, the new Masonic Center is also a venue for meetings and events.

Rooms include the Wachovia Room, the Blue Lodge, the Fourth & Trade Dining Room, meeting rooms and a full commercial kitchen with large cookers. But the new building's Blue Lodge is laid out as a traditional Masonic lodge with the indented tessel in the floor and the blazing star underneath the altar.

The center also has the latest in multimedia technology, including high-speed wireless internet, theater-style lighting, large screens, laser projectors and a professional sound system.



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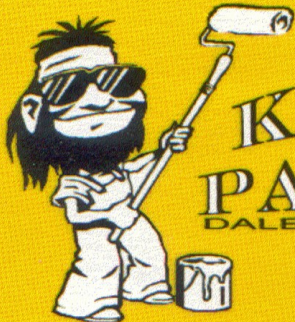


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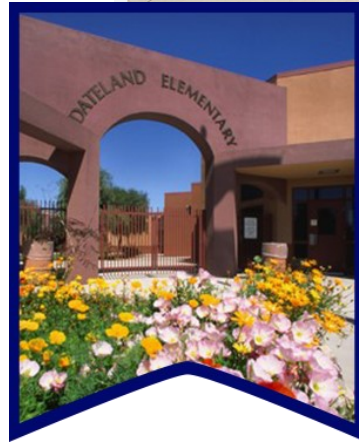


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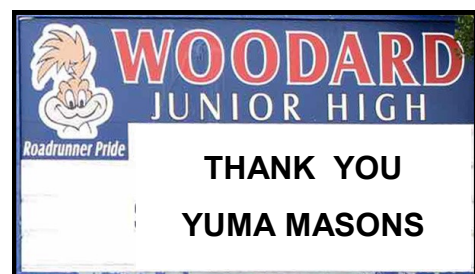
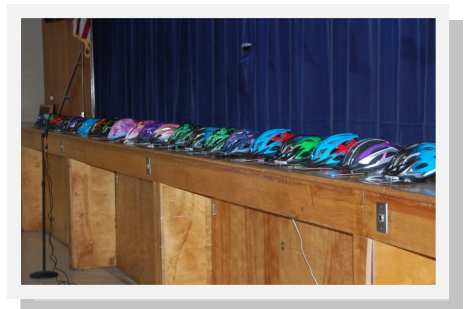
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PSALM 133

FROM PAGE 3

Circumambulation

Psalms were sung while revelers were in motion. Circumambulation is loosely defined as the ceremonial procession around a sacred and meaningful object or enclosure. Allegorically, these punctuated steps have Masonic significance, in that Masonic life and learning is progressive, step-wise, station-to-station, by stages, and in the path of the sun (east to west), while seeking greater light.

Psalm 133 begins with the characteristic word of introduction, "Behold!" In other words, "Listen, take heed, this is greatly important." The word "Behold!" had the same power as the phrase, "Thus saith the Lord!" However, the word "Behold" is a remarkable first word of introduction to someone who is in darkness.

Therefore, an equally important audience for these words consists of the sighted Master Masons on the sidelines or in the cast. These words evoke and remind all of us of our beginnings and hopes. They are a reaffirmation of our own apprenticeship and beginnings as well as of our received Masonic light. They serve as a renewal to us, even as they serve as an initiation to the candidate. When you next hear this word of exclamation, think about with whom it should most resonate and what it suggests to the more enlightened Brother about their obligation and commitment to see that the promise revealed to the apprentice in this degree is fulfilled. The initiate is next taught, and we are reminded, "How good and how pleasant it is ... " This is very reassuring to the candidate, and gives him hope of happiness and safety. Remember how many times we as Masons are encouraged to "trust our guide" and "with this assurance on my part are you willing ... as have all Mason done before you." This common and shared trust and faith is founded in the assurance that from each of us, no man or less is expected than has been asked of every Mason who has come before us. This continuity is one of the most reassuring hallmarks of our fraternity. The first degree is not just about God and youth, but it very persuasively sets the tone for fraternal trust. This trust largely comes from shared experience. This will lead to the "unity" later referenced in the psalm and the initiation. The psalm suggests that this fraternity is satisfying on at least two levels; first, it is good (right, correct, fitting, appropriate) as may be divinely judged and additionally, it is pleasant (satisfying, comforting) as may be deemed by man. That this arrangement qualifies as both good and pleasant is an explicit conformation of its significance and perfection. The following words and lines display prose which is clearly chosen for its depth of meaning and the mood and tone which it evokes; such carefully selected words, have survived the test of time.

Next, the word "brethren" denotes a bond and a unity. "dwell together" conveys a non-fleeting nor transient place

and activity, one of continuance and permanence and is as evocative of comfort, home, settled, and abiding.

In Unity

Unity is built of trust and shared experience, and in the case of the Israelites, and to some extent ourselves as Masons, of shared destiny. Unity is essential in a Masonic Lodge, manifesting more globally as unity of thought, experience, intention, and execution. Unity is synonymous with harmony, which Freemasons learn "is the strength and support of all institutions, more especially of ours."

In the next verse, we are introduced to names which may need some introduction. Aaron was the great grandson of Levi and the older brother of Moses. However, unlike Moses who grew up in the Egyptian royal court, Aaron and his sister Miriam remained in the eastern border-land of Egypt (Goshen). Part of the Torah that Moses received from God at Sinai granted to Aaron the priesthood for himself and his male descendants, and Aaron thus became the first high priest of the Israelites. As such, he was worthy of an impressive beard and garments.

He was also due periodic anointment, which was typically performed with the sparing placement of oil of unction upon the forehead. Oil of the unction was a myrrh and olive based perfume formula of divine design.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, 'Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight.' (Exodus 30:34)

However, we find in this verse an impressive and extravagant use of this oil, "the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments."

**As the dew of Hermon,
and as the dew that
descended on the
mountains of Zion: for
there the LORD
commanded the
blessing...**

—Psalm 133:3

The good and pleasant brotherhood referred to in the first verse, is here compared favorably to one of the most revered situations imaginable, the generous and excessive pouring of rare oils (well beyond the amount needed for simple anointment or consecration) upon a revered theologian. This allegorical use excessive of "flow" will be recapitulated in the reference to water and "dew" in the next verse, which introduces Hermon.

Who was Hermon? Hermon was not a who but is a what. Mount Hermon is actually a cluster of mountains with three distinct summits, each about the same height. The Hermon range covers an area of about 1000 square kilometers within the Golan Heights, and most recently represents some of the land swapped upon the conclusion of the six-day war. The mountain forms one of the greatest geographic resources of the area. Because of its height, it captures a great deal of sustaining and glorious precipitation (the Dew of Heaven) in a very dry area of the world. Melt water from the snow-covered mountain's western and southern bases seeps into the rock channels and pores, feeding springs at the base of the mountain which form streams and rivers. These merge to become the Jordan River. The mountains of Zion referred to as receiving the dew are of lesser altitude than Mt. Hermon, while the most prominent of which is the site of Jerusalem.

The waters flowing from Mount Hermon reminds us of the four rivers flowing from Eden to the four corners of the earth. This association with Eden makes it appropriate for the psalmist to compare the oil of Aaron's ordination with the dew of Hermon. Just as the oil flows from Aaron's head down over his garments, so also the dew of Hermon flows down throughout the land, Aaron is Israel's point of contact with Paradise, Israel enjoys the benefits of Aaron's ordination and access to the Holy of Holies, just as they enjoy the life-giving waters that flow from Hermon. The waters of Hermon refresh the land just as the Spirit, of which the oil is symbolic, refreshes those who are in union with the anointed one.²

The poetry characterizing psalms often rests on the use of parallelism; that is the repetition of an idea, with different words, in the same line or in the following lines. In

other words, it is a repetition of ideas for effect and allegorical comparison.

As examples of parallelism, in Psalm 133, we are aware of pairs - two individuals, Aaron and David; two geographical points, Zion and Hermon. We are also aware that true concord is a holy thing, a sacred oil and rich perfume which, flowing down from the head to the beard, from the beard to the garment, sanctifies the whole body. It is a sweet morning dew which falls not only on the lofty mountain peaks but on the lesser hills, embracing all with its influence.

Dew is nature's blessing where rain is sparse, and the dew of Hermon is proverbially heavy. Israel poured precious ointments on the heads it honored; that which "went down to skirts of his garments" was evidently great in quantity, significant of the honor paid to Aaron, personification of the high priesthood. These references represent the parallel flows of generosity, brotherhood, and sustenance. Even life forevermore; how good and how pleasant is this capstone for our fraternal conduct and labors. I invite YOI to reread these lines of scripture, either from the perspective of a novice apprentice or from that of the enlightened mason who must remain steadfast to ensure that every Mason's experiences within the craft are good and pleasant. "Behold! How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life forevermore." It is the fulfillment of the promise of our first circumambulation which remains our hope, aspiration, legacy, and charge, not only for the newly initiated, but also for our brothers, for our Fraternity, and for ourselves.

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Notes

- 1 Gomes, Pinharanda. *A Regra Primitiva des Cavaleiros Templarios (The Primitive Rule of Knights Templar)*, Lisbon, Hugin, 1990.
- 2 *Biblical Horizons Newsletter* No. 16: Additional Reflections on the Dew of Hermon. Peter J. Leithart 1990



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Statewide Attendance

Local Volunteers Needed

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