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Notes from the Secretary
Charles Bruggeman, 32°, K.C.C.H.

I am highly Honored to receive the appointment of General Secretary of All bodies from Ill. William F. Stovall 33°, Sovereign Grand Inspector General in California. I will strive to do my best with the assistance of all the Brethren. This is a daunting task which will require coordination and cooperation from many of you hard working Brethren throughout the many tasks of the Long Beach Scottish Rite.

Your Team here at the Rite works very hard to bring everyone something to be proud of. They schedule events for all and strive for full participation from the membership to make the events successful. The following events need your support: Scheduled Stated Meeting, June 5, 2012; a Reunion Class June 8-9, 2012; Reception for Most Worshipful Frank Loui, Grand Master of California on June 15, 2012 and Neil Simon’s funniest farce “Rumors,” a play presented by the “Let the Play Begin Players”; Saturday June 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long Beach Scottish Rite Event Center in Memory of Ill. Joseph W. R. Ashwill, 33°. Tickets are $20.00 to $25.00 with all proceeds on Saturday to go to the Scottish Rite Event Center Building Fund, so please demonstrate your respects for Ill. Joe by supporting the Center Joe loved and labored long and hard to make successful. For those of you who cannot attend on Saturday, the Play will be given on Sunday June 24, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

There will be no Dinner on June 2, 2012 as we will have the Grand Master’s Reception on June 15th.

My brief Masonic History started in June 1974 when I was raised in Palo Verdes Lodge No. 389 (Now International City Lodge No. 389). I served as Master in 1980 and again in 1997. I joined the Scottish Rite in 1975 and have worked in the 12°, 14°, 16° and 31°, as well as the Robing Room. I served as Commander of Kadosh and Venerable Master in the Scottish Rite Bodies. Along the way a few of the Masonic Orders caught my attention; High Priest of the Royal Arch; Ill. Master of the Cryptic Masons; Commander of Long Beach Commandery; Puissant Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine; Past Sovereign Master of the Sea Port St. John Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees; Past Governor of the Sovereign York Rite College; Past President of the National Sojourners Chapter 519; Past Commander of the Commodore Abraham Whipple Camp of the Heroes of ’76; Past Toparch of Pyramid 43 of the Ancient Egyptian Order of Scioits and Past Pharoah of the Ancient Egyptian Order of Scioits for the United States. I am a member of El Bekal Shrine; Quetta Grotto of San Diego; Brian Boru Council Knight Masons; Royal Order of Scotland and Robert the Bruce Association. I have kept sort of busy in Masonry for some time. Now that the “Presiding Officer” days are greatly reduced, I felt I could now support the Scottish Rite in this capacity of your General Secretary of all Bodies.

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Wise Master’s Message

Brethren: I would like to thank the Ladies, Brethren and Guests who attended the Maundy Thursday program. The dinner that was prepared and served by the Purveyors was excellent. They did a fabulous job. When you see any of them please give them your personal thanks of gratitude for their superb service. I want to give my hearty thanks to the cast of our program. They delivered a wonder ensemble performance. This year we presented a new script entitled Remembrance and Renewal. I believe it was well received by all who viewed it. I especially want to thank: Honorable Roy Steinfeld, 32°, K.C.C.H., for Sound Management, Ill. James Scribner for his enlightening talk, Carmen Alvarado for her planning and scheduling of the social evening and for gathering the names of departed Brethren mentioned in the program, Ill. Mike Stovall, 33°, for helping with stage set up. He was also performing his Assistant Personal Representative duties as Personal Representative Ill. Tim Cable. 33°, was unable to attend due to personal matters. Ill. Cable was busy with final rehearsals of Fiddler on the Roof. He has been busy for months on this musical and we all wish him and cast complete success. And, a very special thanks to Ill. Aldo Zanier, 33°, for locating and arranging all of the necessary equipment and props for our presentation. Without his assistance the event would not have been well presented.

Brethren, please remember to consider attending these upcoming events at the Rite: degrees of the year class on April 21st, swing dance/silent auction also on the 21st, 25 and 50 year member celebration on May 5th, degrees for the year class on May 12th, Reunion Class on June 6th and 9th, Grand Master’s Reception on June 15th. Also Brethren: the play Rumors will have a special performance in memory of Ill. Joseph Ashwill, 33°, on June 23rd. This performance is for members only and will help to bring in donations for our Scottish Rite Building Fund. Please try to see if you are able to attend some of these upcoming events.

Fraternally, Harold Kennedy, 32°, K.C.C.H.
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for our first class this year. We can be number “1” in membership in California
by working as hard as we did in our last class.

We can do it! We will do it! Now, let’s get busy and “DO IT”! Membership
is, every member’s duty!

Carry three (3) petitions ALL the time and listen for the golden words,
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Submitted by Barbara Ashwill

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Religion is a belief in a divine or superhuman power or powers to be obeyed and worshipped as the creator and ruler of the Universe.

The Long Beach Scottish Rite has two ways of teaching its philosophies; First, by lectures in the class room; Secondly, by the degree work that is acted out on stage by our hard-working and gifted brethren.

After a brother receives his 32°, he is always welcome back to all lectures and degrees. One way to accomplish this is to sign up a brother and go through the class with him; one would be richly blessed.

Masonry is not a religion, but the Great Architect of the Universe plays a big role in all of our Masonic lives. No man should ever attempt any great undertaking without first invoking the “Blessing of God!”

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“This, too, Shall Pass Away”

Amongst the many legends attributed to King Solomon, one has been lurking in the back of my mind for many days now. This tale (and there are several versions) that I present is said to have come down to us from Turkey, and deals with a challenge from King Solomon to his trusted Minister, Benaiah Ben Yehoyada, with the intention to humble him before his Courtly Peers.

King Solomon commands Benaiah to secure a Ring, a Magic Ring that will cause the man who gazes upon it to change from a state of happiness to sadness, or from sadness to happiness. The condition of the challenge is that he must present the Magic Ring before the commencement of Sukkot.

Benaiah immediately began his search for this Magic Ring, but found nothing but frustration. With the Holiday fast approaching, Benaiah, exhausted and despairing, began to wander down the poorest of Jerusalem’s Markets. Approaching a jeweler, he made his request; the jeweler selected a simple gold ring, and momentarily retired to the back of his stall. Upon his return, he presented Benaiah with his Magic Ring, and, greatly relieved, the latter made haste to King Solomon.

King Solomon, smiling at Benaiah Ben Yehoyada, and encircled by his grinning retinue, enquired as to whether his Minister had met with success. Smiling, Benaiah presented King Solomon with his Magic Ring, and, as his smile slowly melted from his face, King Solomon read the inscription: upon the ring were three Hebrew letters, Gimel, Zayin, and Yod; the contraction of the phrase, “Gam zeh ya’avor,” or “This Too Shall Pass Away.”

A lesson in humility, but more so, that of Temporality; that the joys of life do pass, but so does the pain. In these hard times, it brings relief to know that with this whirlpool of political, social, economic, and spiritual turmoil, one can find relief in the knowledge that, this to shall pass away.
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Who Was Hiram, King of Tyre?
Submitted by Harold Kennedy, 32°, K.C.C.H.

Our Masonic tradition tells us that our Craft had three original Grand Masters. The first of these, Solomon, the King of Israel, figures prominently in our Masonic story and is still known as a great personage thirty centuries after his time. The third of this trio is the center source of or deepest teaching and to him all Masons are bound by a unique tie. But the second of our Grand Masters has only a passing reference in our Ritual and outside of a Masonic Lodge is known only to a few specialists in history. Hiram of Tyre was a monarch who ruled over a powerful kingdom at the peak of its greatness. He and his people deserve to be known better by the Masonic fraternity.

The Kingdom of Tyre, or Phoenicia, as it was more generally known, was located on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean north of Palestine. Its principal city was the seaport of Tyre, which because of its geographical location became a converging point on the great trade routes. Tyre became one of the foremost commercial centers of the ancient world and grew rich and powerful.

Phoenicia has two just claims to high achievement.

In the first place, the Phoenicians were among the first known sailors of the world. It is said that they were the first to navigate upon the open sea and to chart their course by means of the stars. Thus to the men of Tyre goes the distinction of being the fathers of modern navigation. They must indeed have been an alert and venturesome race. It is known that Phoenician sailors traveled all over the Mediterranean — sailed through the Straits of Gibraltar, down the coast of Africa, up the coast of Spain and even as far as England. If we wish to romanticize history a little we can see in our mind’s eye a sea captain of Hiram of Tyre sailing through the Pillars of Hercules and gazing out upon a vast ocean — not knowing that 3000 miles beyond his sight lay a land where 3000 years later the name of his royal master would be perpetuated in Masonic Lodges.

As the Phoenicians went about the Mediterranean they founded colonies in various places, the most famous of which was Carthage on the northern coast of Africa. Cartaghe flourished, and as the parent Tyre began to decline, Carthage carried on the Phoenician tradition. It came into conflict with the rising power of Rome, and after years of furious struggles known as the Punic Wars, Rome was triumphant and Carthage was destroyed. But Carthage almost prevailed — hear general, Hannibal, one of the greatest military commanders of all time, took an army across northern Africa, through Spain and southern France, over the Alps and down to the very gates of Rome before he was stopped. It is interesting to speculate that if Carthage had conquered Rome, our civilization, which so largely Bears the imprint of the Romans, might instead have been influenced by the people of Hiram of Tyre.

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