

THE BULLETIN BOARD

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OUR NEXT BUREAU MEETING

Sunday, November 18, 2007

Pasadena Scottish Rite
150 North Madison Ave.
Coffee and Rolls at 9:15 AM
Meeting Starts at 10:00 AM



Midnight Mission Clothing Drive

Established in 1914, the Midnight Mission is one of the oldest continuously operating human services organizations in the Los Angeles region. Centered in the Skid Row area of downtown Los Angeles, the Mission runs one of the most efficient direct service operations in the country. They offer a bridge to self-sufficiency for homeless people through counseling, education, training and job placement. They also make available the necessities of life to homeless people: food, shelter, clothing, personal hygiene needs, and medical care. The Mission serves homeless people with empathy and respect, without sermonizing.

Start collecting men, women, and children's clothes. We will have trucks at the Pasadena Scottish Rite on **November 18, 2007** to collect them.



Thank you all for your support!
Sam Pitassi

WEAR YOUR MASONIC PINS WITH PRIDE

*By Brother Paul Denhoff, Bay Shore
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Wm, if I may, I would like to bring up a little tidbit. I shall refer to it as "The case of the missing lapel pin".

Years ago, the night I was raised, a Brother came up to me and presented me with a gift. It was a lapel pin, which he proceeded to pin onto my jacket. It appeared, to a non-Mason, a miniature upside-down golf club with a golf ball on either side. It was supposed to identify me as a Mason to a fellow Brother who happened to notice it. To anyone else, it would appear to be that I was a golfer.

This presented me with a problem. If a golfer saw the pin, he may have approached me and inquired what my handicap was. As, at that time, I consider myself to be in a passable physical condition, I would only reply with a puzzled look. I am rather proud that I no longer see that pin which has been replaced by the pin that most of us wear on our Dress Jacket. We should no longer be afraid or intimidated to let the world know who we are.

We no longer display a lapel pin, which is not an upside down golf club at all, but in fact are two balls with a cane in the middle. As Masons were persecuted during the Second World War in Nazi Germany, there was another pin that Masons wore that only a Brother would recognize.) Even today, there are ignorant sectors that would like to see our fraternity disappear, so, do not hide the fact, show our pin on your dress jacket anytime you go out into the world!



Brother Jack Carson

Well-known actor Jack Carson was the first of five candidates to receive the Entered Apprentice degree at Cecile Daylight Lodge #305 in Independence, MO in 1936. He was taught the proficiency while the other four candidates were being initiated. By his request, he then returned his Entered Apprentice proficiency that same evening, even examining himself. He gave a perfect proficiency!



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