



# **Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite**

## **Taipei Bodies News**

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*Orient of Taiwan, on which the sun never sets*

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### **A word from the Venerable Master**



Dear brethren,

Fraternal greetings to all!

Let's raise our glass to celebrate another successful conferral and reunion! I sincerely thank the organizers, the ritual teams, and all who made efforts to attend. It is really special and almost magical, that people from various countries and professions come afar to meet friends they only meet once a year, and to devote themselves for the conferral of candidates they never met before. It is the fraternal bond which unites us all. To the Craft!

I sincerely congratulate and welcome the 28 new brethren of the 2014 Class of Silom. The impressive rituals and the wonderful fellowship mark a good start of your Scottish Rite membership. Yet, "it is the end of nothing and the beginning of everything" as Illustrious Leighton puts it. Please keep your zeal in discovering more mysteries in Masonry.

Now we will take a short break and gear up again for the preparation of the Fall conferral and reunion in Taipei held on 26 and 27 September, 2014. For those who have missed the great Spring Conferral and for those who enjoyed it so much, please mark this great event in your agenda. I look forward to seeing you all.

Best regards to you and your love ones.

Fraternally yours,  
Dennis Liao, 32° KCCH  
Venerable Master

### **A few pictures of Silom class and the Conferral**

Thanks to Brethren who have shared with us some pictures, we shall make compilation of all and share the full album.



## From a poor candidate in the dark to the 32 degree.



What an exciting journey !  
But I keep in mind that the journey is never finish!  
In us and out side, micro and macro!  
In Tarot from the Fool to the Eremit! Some steps, but many still ahead !



To all the Brothers of the Scottish Lodge Valley of Taipei, Orient of Taiwan, to all a big thank you for accepting me. It was a wonderful experience, I can recommend it to all of our brothers as serious and extremely well organized.

Your Bro P.

### **Seventh Degree: Provost and Judge** **"Judge not, that ye be not judged"**



After the death of Grand Master Hiram Abiff, King Solomon appointed seven judges to settle the disputes that might arise among the workmen of the Temple. These judges formed a tribunal which heard appeals from the decision of a single one of the judges. Zabud, as one of the Provosts and Judges, had to make a verdict over a dispute on foreign labors arose among workers. The two parties individually appealed before Zabud and both induced Zabud with brotherly love for a favorable verdict. Zabud clearly turned them down and applied the same law without favoring Hebrew or Phoenician.

This degree teaches Reverence and Administration of the Law with Justice, Equity, and Impartiality. It teaches that without Justice no man is fit to be free. It also teaches that an independent and upright executive branch of government is indispensable to freedom and equality of rights. The administration of law is a sacred duty, and the only stable foundation of free government. An unjust man (and government) is the architect of his own swift ruin.



The key represents that of the Chief Provost and Judge, with which he unlocked the box of ebony that contained the records of the tribunal. It teaches to carefully lock in your heart the confidences of worthy friends and Brothers, and to ever keep the key in your possession. It is especially emblematical of the justice and uprightness that alone can unlock the mysteries contained in the higher degrees.

## **A quote of A. Pike for the Master of the Symbolic Lodge (20<sup>th</sup> degree)**

*Where domestic slavery exists, it teaches the master humanity and the alleviation of the condition of his slave, and moderate correction and gentle discipline; as it teaches them to the master of the apprentice: and as it teaches to the employers of other men, in mines, manufactories, and workshops, consideration and humanity for those who depend upon their labor for their bread, and to whom want of employment is starvation, and overwork is fever, consumption, and death.*

*As Master of a Lodge, you are to inculcate these duties on your brethren. Teach the employed to be honest, punctual, and faithful as well as respectful and obedient to all proper orders: but also teach the employer that every man or woman who desires to work, has a right to have work to do; and that they, and those who from sickness or feebleness, loss of limb or of bodily vigor, old age or infancy, are not able to work, have a right to be fed, clothed, and sheltered from the inclement elements: that he commits an awful sin against Masonry and in the sight of God, if he closes his workshops or factories, or ceases to work his mines, when they do not yield him what he regards as sufficient profit, and so dismisses his workmen and workwomen to starve; or when he reduces the wages of man or woman to so low a standard that they and their families cannot be clothed and fed and comfortably housed; or by overwork must give him their blood and life in exchange for the pittance of their wages: and that his duty as a Mason and Brother peremptorily requires him to continue to employ those who else will be pinched with hunger and cold, or resort to theft and vice: and to pay them fair wages, though it may reduce or annul his profits or even eat into his capital; for God hath but loaned him his wealth, and made him His almoner and agent to invest it.*

## **Dues**

According to the Supreme Council rules, the 2014 Dues should have been paid before December 31st, 2013. However it has been a long time practice to wait until the Spring Conferral to complete the collection of the Dues.

The Spring Conferral just passed on May 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>, and would appreciate those in arrears to correct the situation as soon as possible, to avoid to be added to the 2014 Unpaid Dues list.

We remind you that 2 years Unpaid Dues may involve Suspension.



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