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Taipei Bodies News

Orient of Taiwan, on which the sun never sets

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A word from the Venerable Master



Dear Brethren,

We are so happy to have a wonderful Fall Reunion in Taipei. With the assistance from Malaysia brothers, Thailand brothers, Indian brothers, we had very successful Ritual works for the new class Unity Taipei 2017.

We believe that every brother who joined this reunion had pleasant memory to bring back with them. We hope next Fall Reunion will attract more brothers to come to Taipei.

In the mean time we have to think of Spring Reunion. The previous decision for Southern Taiwan has been reversed but the Reunion will stay in in Thailand. The actual location will be finalized by brothers there. We will of course all brothers once we have the meeting place. The various teams to run ritual had been volunteered by those enthusiastic brothers during the final meeting of Fall Reunion. We wish there will be more candidate to join us then.

Fraternally yours,

Ill. Dupree Chia,
Venerable Master

Fall Reunion

The Fall Reunion was held in Taipei from September 21st to 23rd, with a record attendance joined by more than 60 visitors from Hong-Kong, India, Malaysia, Mauritius, Singapore and Thailand.

A pleasant welcome Party gathered all these brethren and families on the 21st, at the Sunworld Dynasty.

On 22nd, the day started with Coronation and Investiture ceremonies for the new promotion of 8 Inspector General Honorary, and 12 Knights Commanders Court of Honor.



The Reunion

Then Ill. Leighton Fowles introduced the new class Unity Taipei 2017 including 9 brothers, from Hong-Kong, Lebanon, Russia and Taiwan. The compulsory degrees (4th, 14th, 18th, 20th and 32nd) were performed in long form by teams from Malaysia and Thailand, as well as, at the initiative of our Indian Brothers, the 26th degree (Prince of Mercy).

The ceremonies were followed by a sumptuous banquet in the Sunworld Dynasty, where a diploma was given to the new Masters of the Royal Secret.

A new distinction within Taipei Bodies, a Double Headed medal was awarded to several brethren for their contribution to our works.

Many pictures were taken which are available on:
<https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B6HBIEs5nSAIWUY1aIVoQ2hSSkEAll> brethren departed in peace and harmony.



Class Unity Taipei 2017 on 26th degree

A distinction for our Brother Seyedin



.Congratulations to our Brother Dr. Harley Seyedin who is among the four winners of 2017 Oslo Business for Peace Award. The selection was made by the independent committee of Nobel Laureates in Peace and Economics in closed-door meetings.

The Business for Peace Award was presented to Dr. Seyedin by the Award Committee of Nobel Laureates at a two-day celebration in Oslo, Norway. The Award Ceremony was attended by more than 2,000 people including board chairs, CEOs and leaders of international organizations. Speakers included Norway's Prime Minister Erna Solberg, Adam Grant (Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania), Brett Wigdortz (Teach First), George Serafeim (Harvard), Martin Sandbu (Financial Times) and William MacAskill (Oxford)

26th degree – Prince of Mercy or Scottish Trinitarian

This degree has been performed in long form at the Fall Reunion by our Indian brethren. For those who missed we offer a short briefing on this degree



As for the 25th degree, this degree has also been deeply modified by Albert Pike, to be oriented towards the New Testament and the Christian trinity, which is more consistent with the Council of Kadosh (which covers chivalric and philosophical degrees).

The motto is: "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, saith the Lord"

The main symbols of this degree are: the rule, the square, the setting maul, the 2 columns Jachin and Boaz, the 3 columns of the Temple, the altar, pure water, the Tau cross, the palladium of the Order and bread and wine. Many of them come from the Blue Lodge degrees.

The ritual is based upon a three degrees initiation in the Christian faith at the Roman period. It emphasizes the 3 levels of the religion, Material, intellectual and spiritual, and the mysteries which are accessible to the highest level only, nativity, passion, resurrection and Eucharist (consubstantiation).

Most of the degree lecture consists in explaining how the trinity concept is universal and not limited to the Christian religion.

Your readings

We hope you enjoyed reading the book of Manly P. Hall.

This time we will introduce "The art of memory" of Dame Frances Yates. The art of memory is a part of rhetoric to help orators, based upon the use of images or emblems. She traces the history of this art from its Greek origin, to the Italian Renaissance and, why not its possible influence of Freemasonry, a philosophical and moral science taught with symbols.

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New arrivals kiss and goodbye

Our deepest condolences to the family of Ill. C.Y. Lee who has joined the celestial lodge on August 29, 2017. Ill. C.Y. was a dedicated Mason for 25 years. He has served as Deputy Grand Master of Grand Lodge of China and was a member of Han Lodge #8, and High Sun Lodge #11 of Grand Lodge of China.

Ill. C.Y. was a zealous helper to friends and his beloved fraternity. His photographic assistance and big smile will be impressed on the hearts of all he has touched.

May he rest in peace.

Contribute to our letter

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