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MASONIC CELEBRATION – The nativity of St. John the Baptist was commemorated in San Diego on Monday last, by the Fraternity of Masons with appropriate services, consisting of a procession in full regalia, an oration at the Gila Hall, a dinner, and a ball in the evening. All the arrangements for the occasion were successfully carried out by an energetic committee of the Fraternity, and it is not too much to say, that no similar festival has been so well and agreeable conducted.

The procession was formed at twelve o'clock, on the Plaza, and after marching through the principal streets proceeded to the Hall, where an able oration was pronounced by the Hon. J. W. Robinson, accompanied with appropriate musical exercises, at the conclusion of which, the procession was again formed and repaired to the dining-room. Here a bountiful and elegant repast was spread, the consuming of which (we are informed by the initiated,) contributed no small share to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The ball in the evening will be held in perpetual remembrance, as the most successful and agreeable ever given in San Diego. Nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the occasion, and the lateness of the hour at the breaking up is sufficient evidence of the gratification afforded to all by this part of the festival. At no time has the beauty and taste of the fair daughters of San Diego been more abundantly displayed, or their charms more highly appreciated by their gallant attendants.

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