



# Sacramento Masonic Lodge

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## Thoughts from the East

During the last meeting, which was our Past Master's, we had a pleasant surprise. R.:W.: John Ashmore and wife Pam, who is spending the winter here in Alamogordo from Main, presented Sacramento Lodge with a set of granite Ashlars. They will be displayed on the steps in the east of the Lodge room. They are beautiful and we thank Brother John very much.

The property north of the Lodge has finally had all of buildings demolished and cleared of the remaining debris. It is a pleasant site to see as it will make the area around the Lodge more attractive. I want to thank R.:W.: Brother Harvey Lewis and his committee for the many hours of work they did with the contractors on this project.



**Herman L. Price**  
Worshipful Master  
Sacramento #24  
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I want to congratulate our two brothers who went to Albuquerque last month last month and finished their degrees in masonry, Brothers Randal Rabon and Johnny Whitlock. They are new members of Sacramento Lodge.

I hope everyone a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels. Hope to see all in Lodge

*Herman L. Price*

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### Birthdays and Masonic Anniversaries

#### BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth Raye Beasley	12/27/1947
Charles A. Bortfeld Jr	12/31/1945
Donald R. Carnahan	12/20/1940
Rolland Charles Curtis	12/10/1933
Timothy B. DeHart	12/5/1955
Larry Laverne Eakin	12/10/1944
James Edwin Heaton	12/16/1965
Patrick R. King	12/18/1952
William J. MacVeigh III	12/15/1923
Andrew G. McConnell Jr	12/22/1930
Harris Miller	12/25/1921
George Wendall Moree	12/16/1963
David W. Morgan	12/18/1947
James William. Peyton	12/25/1929
Gerald A. Stickley	12/20/1931
Warren V .Vilott	12/18/1919
Joseph E. Weiss	12/20/1912
Gene L Wood	12/30/1932
Jacob Irvin Yoder	12/31/1933

#### MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

Alan Charles Baker	12/31/1990
Troy Andrew Berecz,	12/07/2000
Alan Benjamin Berg	12/08/1983
Charles A. Bortfeld Jr	12/15/1980
G.W. Chapman	12/02/1974
Fred R Cox Jr	12/15/1966
Kenneth John Garner	12/01/1971
Robert Kent House	12/22/1983
Charles Kern	12/09/1974
Siegbert R. Mainz	12/02/1974
William L. Monro	12/15/1950
Troy Leonard Poovey	12/21/1971
Leaden Posey	12/04/1952
Herman L. Price	12/04/1958
Eric G. Stone	12/03/1959
Tom A. Todd	12/06/1960

### BROKEN COLUMN

William B. Pieper

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One by One they pass away, the  
Brothers of our Adoption, the Com-  
panions of our choice.

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## THE TOKEN

Henry Engelsman

In line Tombs of Ancient Pharaohs, deep in sandy dunes,  
Beside line sleeping shadows, at rest in their cocoons,  
The Museum records tell us that the daylight world above,  
Placed food and precious trinkets, as tokens of their love  
To lie with their dear departed, on their journey without end,  
Sustenance and comfort for an erstwhile cherished friend,  
Gold and silver amulets of intricate design  
And copious flasks of golden grain, pure oil and finest wine.  
I close my eyes, my thoughts abound, line Reaper calls us  
all  
What would I need to comfort me within my lonely stall?  
How would I face my Maker before the Judgment Seat?  
What could I take to prove my worth, to make my Soul re-  
plete?  
To earn the beatific smile, awestruck with rev'rent fear,  
"Well done, thou faithful servant. Bless thee. Enter here".  
I drew a list of deeds well done, of acts performed in love'  
Of righteous thoughts, of selfless slaps, to prove to Him  
above  
That I might truly worthy be, to sit beside the Throne  
And hear the Benediction of He that reigns alone.  
And then! I crossed the whole list out! He knoweth every  
thing,  
But could I find a simple sign to say, O Holy King',  
Who stands before Thee, trembling alone, forlorn and meek.  
I offer this, and only this, - a token of my love,  
And God took in his mighty hand,  
- A SINGLE PURE WHITE GLOVE.

Charles Biggs  
Junior Warden  
Sacramento Lodge #24



## FROM THE SOUTH

Behold how swiftly the sands run, once again another Masonic year has passed. As this is my last article for the news letter, I want to thank the Lodge for the honor and privilege of allowing me to serve as your Jr Warden. Unfortunately I could not attend all meetings due to the volunteer work I do in and out of state. As long as my health holds up I will continue to do volunteer work, since I feel my country has been good to me, therefore I should give something back to it. The highlight of serving Sacramento #24 for the past three years has been collecting and supporting "Soldiers Smiles" and "school supplies" for an underprivileged school. I will continue to support these two most worthwhile projects. As we enter a new Masonic year I wish success for the new officers as we advance forward in Sacramento#24. Good luck and may God bless you all and God bless the USA.

Sarge

## White Sands Shrine Club

As our thoughts turn to the Christmas Season, and a new year just around the corner, lets start planning the many activities that are needed to make this club a success.

Meetings, Parades, Fund Raisers, New Members, there is enough to boggle the mind. But we have great members, why, they are all Masons. All are ready to take on the task of bringing Shrinedom to the forefront. As we pursue these tasks, let us remember that we are what the community sees. We represent what Masonry is to the public. Please Nobles, govern yourselves accordingly.

The Merriest of Christmas to each of you and your families and a very Happy New Year.

Bill Beckett, President

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## From the Secretary's Desk



**Delmar Sanders  
Secretary  
Sacramento Lodge**

Brethren, Here it almost Christmas again, and it hardly seems like the year has started. I hope that your year was as good as mine. I have enjoyed your company all this year and have felt honored to share our Lodge with you. We have had some good times and some bad times, but overall, the Lodge has prospered and I have felt honored to have been a part of it. The project that was started last year with the acquisition of the three lots and houses to the north of the lodge building has now reached a partial completion so that we can now stop and take a breath. The houses have been torn down and carted away and now all that remains of the three lots is the bare ground, except for the part in the middle that had been paved previously. You can see the lodge all the way from twelfth street and indeed, if you drive down Vermont, the view is great. No one should ever have a hard time finding Sacramento Lodge again!

Of course, with all this great feeling, some rain must fall, or so the song goes! One thing that all secretaries share is trying to keep current addresses as the Brethren move around, and hoping that all the Dues will be paid on time. The largest chore of the Secretary is to keep current addresses on everyone because we Americans really enjoy moving around. And, since we are a military town, there is a great deal more moving that if we were all working where our fathers and grandfathers worked. The military has a big job to do and while we bewail their moving almost without notice, we do understand that moving is just a part of the military plan in order for them to do their job. Nevertheless, if you will only remember to send in a change of address when it becomes necessary, it will make your secretary's job much easier! Reminder: Dues are \$60.00 and are due by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Send them to Sacramento Lodge, PO Box 2365, Alamogordo, NM, 88311-2365  
Your Secretary, *Delmar A. Sanders*

**The Master stood and looked at his Lodge,  
The same old few were there,  
The ones he knew he could depend upon  
The work of the Lodge to share.**

**But where are the many we've raised these years,  
Who craved to be Masons true?  
To whom we've given so much of our time  
In degree work, guiding them through.**

**The Master stood and looked at his Lodge  
And silently he thought:  
Where have we failed that they're not here  
In spite of the truth we taught**

**Did they really want friendship and brotherly love  
As they claimed when they knocked at our door?  
Or did they just join, our symbol to wear.  
And so don't come out any more?**

**The Master stood and looked at his Lodge  
And said to the same old few:  
"Come, Brothers, let's get them back--  
Come we have work to do!"**

**And they went to work on the stay-at-homes,  
And their efforts began to tell:  
Old faces and new came out again,  
And attendance started to swell.**

**The Master stood and looked at his Lodge,  
No longer worried and blue;  
His sheep were back in the fold again,  
Sharing the work there was to do.**

# December 2007

11th New Mexico Masonic District  
 Sacramento #24, Carrizozo #41, Tularosa #49, Ruidoso #73, Mountain Top #81

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
						1 11:00 AM MTN Top @ Tularosa Lodge
2	3 7:30 pm Ruidoso #73 Stated Mtg Officer Instal- lation	4	5 6:30 PM White Sands Shrine 6:30 pm Tularosa Practice Club	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day 6:30 PM Scottish Rite Club	8 11:00 OES School of Inst . @ Tularosa
9	10 7:30 PM Tularosa #49 Stated Mtg dinner @ 6:30	11 7:30 PM Alamo OES	12 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice  Carrizozo #41	13 7:30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S	14	15 LC Scottish Rite 2:00 pm Install Tula- rosa Officers
16	17 7:30 PM Tularosa OES Stated Mtg.	18 7:30 PM Amaranth Stated Mtg.	19 6:30 Tularosa Rit- ual Practice	20 7:30 PM Sacramento 24 Stated Meeting Dinner @ 6:30	21	22 <b>First Day of Winter</b>
23	24	<b>25 Christmas Day</b>	26 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	27 St. John The Evangelist	28	29 Birthday of Albert Pike
30	31					

**To Each and Everyone  
 A very Merry Christmas  
 And A Happy New Year**