

*Tularosa Masonic Lodge 49
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*Johnny Herrera
Worshipful Master*

Brethren:

Well Brethren, spring is here and a new month is coming upon us. Many issues were brought up in our last meeting, with the cemetery fund payback being one of the main topics of discussion. By transferring the building fund dollars to the cemetery fund we made a big dent in the balance that the Lodge owed the fund.

Where did we get the building fund money from? Well we get that from the money we collect from the dinners that are served before each of our monthly meetings. So, now we start a new building fund, your dinner money will go to the fund! The revised cemetery proviso was also voted on and passed by the members with no changes to the proposed amendments. I was pleased to see the brethren that did show up and a little disappointed of the ones that didn't participate in this very important subject.

On March 22nd we were privileged to have two Entered Apprentice degree candidates. Mr. Christopher Ash and Mr. Grady Williamson! WB Joe Ash was acting Worshipful Master and conferred the degree to his son Chris and to Grady. WB Joe's brother Jim also was a visitor so it was an "ASH" family event. Welcome to our new brothers and to our great fraternity.

I attended Grand Lodge and all the proposed amendments by the Grand Master were adopted.

I would like to thank the Worthy Matron and the ladies of the OES for the wonderful dinner they served at our meeting... Thank You very much! I hope to see everyone at Lodge in April, Remember this is also your Lodge, so ATTEND!

Fraternally- Johnnie.

FROM THE WEST,

First, Welcome to our two newest Entered Apprentices, Br.. Ash and Br. Williamson to Tularosa Lodge #49!

I went to Albuquerque last week and picked up the six bicycles for our Books to Bikes program for the Tularosa schools. I also purchased three additional bikes to present to the Holloman AFB schools on behalf of the Lodge.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend Grand Lodge so if you have any questions check with WM Johnnie as to the proceedings!

Lodge officer training is still being held every 1st. and 4th. Wednesday in the Lodge for those that need assistance in either memory or floor work.

Thanks to all the Br's. for their support to the Lodge and I ask that in the future when the need arises. Please Volunteer! See you at Lodge!

Jim Yeager, Senior Warden

From the Secretaries Desk

Brethren,

The dues are still coming in slowly. If you haven't paid yours, please do so now. The dues are \$35.00 and you can mail them to P.O. Box 51, Tularosa, NM 88352

We have received several donations for the newsletter and the copier. The donations are very much appreciated and have helped pay for the copier. THANK'S ! Some members are moving and not getting their change of address to us. We end up paying postage and the mail comes back. The Post Office is really tacky about getting the right numbers on the address. If you have recently made a move or if you are going to move don't forget to send us your new address! If you have an E-mail address or change your old one please let us know! The Postmaster is about to increase the postage rate so any help you can give us will decrease the cost of the newsletter.

We are starting to receive scholarship applications for this year and we will look at them during April and make our decisions as to whom we will support.

We now have three large and three medium size bikes from Masonic Charities which we will award to two middle school, two Intermediate school and two Elementary School students who take part in the reading program

Adios until next time....

G.L. Tucker, Secretary



**Br. Kreg Knepper,
Br. Chris Ash,
Br. Grady Williamson,
WB Joe Ash**

Hi from Tularosa Basin #72 OES

Unfortunately the editor did not receive any items from Star as of the deadline so there is not much info to write in this edition.

I did receive an E-mail from Katrina Garrett informing us of her E-mail address And we want her to know that the Lodge really appreciates her reply as it saves mailing a hard copy. If any other Star member has an E-mail address please let us know so we can send you the newsletter via E-mail!

Don't forget the next OES stated meeting on the third Monday of the month
From the Editor

Thanks to the following members for their donations to the newsletter. We now have a paid up copier and enough toner to last us through the next year and a half. A very special thank you is due to Br. Dave Romine for his very large donation for the copier/newsletter. Donations were also greatly appreciated from Br. Joe Schiemann, Br. Lamar Shoener, Br. John Secrest, and Br. Joe "Froggy" Barnes!. Let us not forget our earlier donors, RW. Bill Beckett, WB Cliff Mills, Br. Jim Yeager, Br. Paul Keyser, and WB Richard Spoula! Thanks to all of you for making it possible ! Now all we have to worry about is the postage and we are gradually decreasing that by using E-mail wherever we can I

I also want to remind all that the deadline for articles in the newsletter is the last Wednesday of the month.

During the March meeting we were discussing how we were to payback the loan from the cemetery fund and as earlier mentioned a large part of the loan was paid back by dissolving the building fund and transferring the money to the Cemetery fund. We now are starting a new building fund from the proceeds from the dinner's! To bring everyone up to date the Lodge members voted to deposit \$50.00 each month to reduce the Cemetery fund and also to deposit \$1000.00 from the Fair food concession each year until we pay off the loan!

WB Joe Ash reminded all those that voted to deposit the money from the Fair that they are also required to help out at the fair. Last year, for the first time since we took over the food concession we did not have enough helpers from our Lodge to fully man the three shirts. Ruidoso Lodge came to our rescue and provided help on the afternoon shift and also a few spots on the evening shifts.

Brethren, this is our yearly money-maker and it sets up all the money required to run the Lodge and allow us to do things like the bikes, the scholarships, the newspapers, the class visits to Lodge. If we did not have this source of income we would have to curtail our charitable events and would probably have to increase our dues just to pay our gas, electric, garbage, and other sundry bills. We are extremely lucky that we have this windfall. We will need your help this coming year and we will be counting on you to volunteer!

From the R.S.V.P. calendar book

**People don't stop playing because they become older -
they become older because they stop playing.**

Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7:30 pm Ruidoso #73 stated mtg.	3 7:30 Alamo O.E.S:	4 6:30 PM Ritual Practice Tularosa	5 a	6 6:30 pm Scottish Rite Club	7 Mtn. Top #81
8	9 7:30 pm Tularosa #49 Stated Mtg.	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 7:30 PM Tularosa O.E.S	17 6:30 PM Amaranth	18 7:30 PM Carrizozo	19	20	221
22	23	24 <i><u>Deadline for News Articles</u></i>		26	27	28
29	30		6:30 PM Ritual Practice @ Sacramento			

To have your special events included, call Richard @ 434-4146 or email rmsai5f@wmconnect.com

Late Incoming news:

Thanks to OES for an updated list of their members who have E-mail capability! You have helped the Lodge save \$4.68 in monthly postage. While this seems like a small amount over a year it comes to \$56.16 and that does not include the coming postage increase.

There is a lot of room for your special events and it could appear here if you had just informed the editor.....! can only list the information that is given to me....so please let me know before the last Wednesday of the month if you have anything you would like listed!

Thanks.....RmS 434-4146 or rmsai5f@wmconnect.com