



# Sacramento Masonic Lodge

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Brother James Penny receives his 50 year service award. At the Saturday morning gathering of Sacramento Lodge, Brother Charles "Sarge" Biggs (Right in Photo) presents the 50 year service award to Brother Jim (Center) who was accompanied by his lady.

On each Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, the members of Sacramento Lodge, Tularosa Lodge, Masons in general and neighbors meet in the dining room of Sacramento Lodge for Coffee, donuts, good fellowship and solving the problems of the world.

The doors are usually open by 7:00 AM or so and remain open until we run out of coffee and donuts, all the world problems are solved or other chores dictate that the attendees must depart.

Brother Jim has for many years been there to keep us in donuts, coffee and manage the coffee fund. His faithful attendance at these meetings as well as the regular lodge meetings is greatly appreciated. The small pin and certificate are just an outward memento of the thanks and gratitude of the lodge members who really appreciate the faithful attendance and dedication of brother Jim.

Brethren who dedicate their time to Masonry are what make the fraternity something very special, not only to other members but to the community at large. These brethren not only find time for Masonry but also to the community, their church and families. A very heartfelt thanks to these faithful brothers.

**"Your task is to build a better World.  
"God Said  
I answered "How?"  
The world is such a vast place.  
So complicated now;  
And I so small and useless am,  
There's nothing I can do  
But God in all His wisdom said,  
"Just build a better you."**

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## Brethren Birthdays

Kenneth Raye Beasley	12/27/1947
Charles A. Bortfeld Jr	12/31/1945
Otto H. Brueggeman	12/01/1918
Donald R. Carnahan	12/20/1940
Rolland Charles Curtis	12/10/1933
Timothy B. DeHart	12/05/1955
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 Jr1	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 IrvinYoder	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



**Daniel J. Glass**  
**Junior Warden**  
**Sacramento #24**

Another Masonic Secret Revealed  
 The Art of Memory

Of course, the secret's been out for several centuries, but it's very interesting to take a look at and it is really very personal to each one of us- I can tell you that a little over three years ago when I was considering making an application to our Lodge, my one big reservation was that I would not be able to do the memory work- I had seen my Dad's Cipher Book and knew of all months, days and hours my son met with people to do memory work and I just didn't know if I had it in me. In fact, for several years I had kept a favorite Bible scripture in my billfold because I hadn't been able to memorize it. Now I believe that memorization is a skill and it can be learned as surely as and one can learn to drive a nail. You recall our Brother Robert Shaw, the First Grand Warden of Masons in Scotland, which would be about 1600. He declared that Stone Masons be tested every year and if they weren't proficient in their Ritual and what ever else they had to memorize as Stone Masons, they were fined. He was following the "Art of Memory" which was quite a big secret back in those days and was in fact based on a mnemonic technique developed by the Greeks in about 500 B.C.

Mnemosyne was the Greek goddess of memory, these folks took memory very seriously- after all, Gutenberg wasn't going to show up for several millenniums. Cicero, in about 100 B.C. was know as Rome's greatest orator and exercised a pervasive influence on all the literary languages of Europe. He used this system of memory aids described as Visual Imagery Mnemonics by placing objects within an imagined visual space, or inner mansion, as a means to remember his speeches. Our Stone Masons would create a mindset in which they would use their "mind's eye" to visualize a chapel or lodge with all its carvings, statues and such to serve as memory aids to remind them of ritual passages or telling of a story. That basically is what the Masonic Memory Secret was about and to tell you the truth, for the most part I really haven't found it all that helpful, but there are some notable exceptions. In a piece of ritual I was trying to learn, I came to the word "sanction" and I could never, ever remember that word. I hooked it up to our rough asher and now I can think or look at the asher and usually "sanction" will usually come-

There is a national memory contest each year and people see how quickly and accurately they can memorize a freshly shuffled deck of cards. Many of these experts claim, and I'm sure it's true; they associate some bizarre image to each card. Linking the images together they are able to memorize the exact sequence of cards in a deck in an amazingly short time. Well, I can forget this- I can't remember the bizarre images or cards, but if you are interested see *The Memory Book*, by Harry Lorayne and Jerry Lucas (a basketball star from the 50's through the 70's).

In fact, the only way that consistently works for me is the same way I learned ABCDEFG- you know the rest of it-

It's called over learning and in truth it's a bit tedious to do, but wow how good it feels when I get that first paragraph and eventually bit by bit get the whole thing down. Here, I think is a good rendition of the process.

- Read the first line.
- Say it without the paper.
- Read the first and second line.
- Repeat them out loud until you are able to say them without the paper.
- Read the first, second and third lines.
- Say them out loud until you are able to say them without the paper.
- Repeat this process until you can say all the lines without the paper.
- Once you are at the end of the paragraph, repeat the paragraph without reading it. Say it aloud three times.
- If you cannot do it all three times, start all over.
- After you think you have memorized it all, take a 10-20 minute break and do something that you will enjoy for that 20 minutes.

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**FROM THE DDGM:**

**RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LINE:** One of the traditions of the Fraternity is to advance our leaders within the elected "line" of officers in recognition of service, merit and potential leadership. They must be aware there is more beyond the rights and privileges of holding an office. Freemasonry is a study in self-improvement, developing self-leadership, and the art of building a spiritual temple. There are three levels of responsibilities as a LODGE LEADER, namely expectations before being elected, duties while in office, and actions after office. In Masonic sense we find that there are also three steps to becoming a Master, which are PREPARATION, EXECUTION, AND REFLECTIVE ACTION. This can be seen in how a Lodge builds its leadership core.

UNFORTUNATELY some lodges do not approach their leadership needs in this manner and are more reactive than active. Members do not prepare, step forward and are unwilling to fill an office. This results in the lodge having to call on Past Masters or even worse, "JUST FIND A BODY TO FILL THE OFFICE" The future of any lodge is built upon its present, not the past.

In order to be a good officer you must be able to understand the monitor of the lodge and reading the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge, study lodge leadership material, discuss lodge goals and problems with the not only the other officers but with the lodge membership and then reflecting on possible solutions.

Finally, being a PAST MASTER of a lodge is not the goal, but rather the responsibility of assisting in guiding the lodge to better days. Wisdom draws upon experience to change the present and thus promote happiness, which is the ultimate goal and responsibility of each one of us.

My brethren, I hope this will get some of you to see that we all need to assist our lodge in some capacity, only you know your talents and we all need to use them for the good of our lodge and our craft.

**Fraternally; Walter H. Argall, DDGM 11<sup>th</sup> Masonic District**

## From the Secretary's Desk



**Sacramento Lodge  
Delmar Sanders  
Secretary**

Brethren,

By now you should have received your Dues Notice for 2009. I hope that you will not set it aside and say to yourself, "I'll write a check for that tomorrow.!" Get that checkbook out NOW and write a check for your dues. Then you can throw that notice in the trash and go about your business felling good that you have the dues taken care of!

I didn't intend to lecture you but just to remind you.

The Lodge is gradually getting more and more busy. Last month we conferred a Fellowcraft Degree, and we expect to do a Master Mason Military Degree on FC Brother Shawn Odom before Thanksgiving. He really works hard on his Proficiencies! He did the EA proficiency in just about eight days.. I don't know how these young men do it, but that was wonderful! It took me six weeks to learn my proficiency, so I am in awe of Brother Odom!

We also have EA Brother Phil Plaistow working on his proficiency . He is doing well so we will be doing a Fellowcraft Degree on him very shortly!

The Lodge is receiving an affiliation from Brother John Conklin. We did a courtesy investigation on him a couple of months ago so that he could get a certificate of good Standing, and now he is joining Sacramento Lodge.. This makes four new members for the Lodge this year so our membership should remain about the same this year. We need to talk to Ruidoso Lodge. They have initiated at least five new members this year, and I really think they have brought in more than this. Last year they were among the few lodges that did not have a loss in membership and I am sure that they will repeat that feat this year! Sacramento Lodge has steadily lost membership over the last ten years. We had over two hundred and fifty members ten years ago and now we have one hundred eighty nine! I could go on and on about this, but its up to you to reverse this trend.

Don't forget the Lodge Meeting this month. Its time to elect the new officers for 2009 and then to help those officers to set Sacramento Lodge on full sail to get the membership back up!

Fraternally,

Your Secretary, *Delmar A. Sanders*

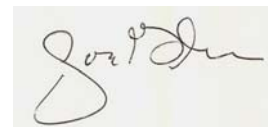
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Come back and test yourself again through the whole thing if you get it all right, you probably have it. If not work on the sections you are having trouble with. Take another 10-20 minute break and come back again.

If you are still having trouble, try creating a mnemonic device. Now say it about gazillion times.

Most of us will never be a Ritualist; I know I'll never be, and you don't have to say anything you might be able to memorize to anybody, although we are all encouraged to do as many "sections" as we can. The real point is putting our Masonic Light in our hearts and minds in a more meaningful way. So if you haven't looked at your Cipher book in some time, get it out- if you don't have one go by our Brother Secretary's office and get one, they're only a few bucks. Now pick out a lecture or any part of our Ritual you enjoy hearing and get to work.

### "See You in Lodge"



### **Rocket Shrine Club Noble Paul Keyser, President**

Thanks to Joe & Jonnie Glass the Veteran's Day Parade on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November which was a great success. We will be doing the Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20. If you can help, please call Jim Stevenson or Melissa at 437-9078 or 430-9325.

Randy Brown received his 100 Million Dollar Club Award and Pin. The Ballut Abyad Shrine Calendars were passed out for 2009. The following slate of officers were elected by vote of acclamation: President Alex Whitten, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Jim Stevenson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Jorgen Hallbeck, Secretary Patrick Crocker, Treasurer Jerry Browning. We will be doing Toys for Tots Dec. 24 at the Willie Estrada Civic Center from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our Christmas Parade will be Dec. 13, starting at 5:00 p.m. If you have anything that belongs to the Shrine Club, make a list and turn it in at the next meeting. There was a motion made to rent a storage building so we can put all our things in. A motion was also made to continue our Shoes for Needy Schoolchildren project. Through this project, needy schoolchildren are given a \$20 gift card toward shoes at Walmart.

Our next meeting is Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> and will be at Our Country Kitchen, 1201 New York Ave, at 6:30 p.m. Please bring toy donations for the Toys for Tots project. The menu for the next meeting is prime rib, baked potato, corn, carrots, rolls, and cobbler. See you there.

Your Masonic Brother & Shriner,

# December 2008

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

<b><u>Sun</u></b>	<b><u>Mon</u></b>	<b><u>Tue</u></b>	<b><u>Wed</u></b>	<b><u>Thu</u></b>	<b><u>Fri</u></b>	<b><u>Sat</u></b>
	<b>1</b> 7:30 PM Ruidoso #72 <b>Installation of Officers</b>	<b>2</b> 7:30 pm Prince Hall #11	<b>3</b> White Sands Shrine	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 PM Scottish Rite Club	<b>6</b> 11:00 AM MTN Top <b>Installation of Officers</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:30 PM Tularosa #49	<b>9</b> 7:30 PM Alamo OES	<b>10</b> 6 :30PM Sac 24 Rit- ual Practice	<b>11</b> 7 :30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30PM Tularosa OES	<b>16</b> 7:30PM Amaranth Stated Mtg.	<b>17</b> 6:30 Tularosa Ritual Practice	<b>18</b> 7:30 PM Sacramento 24	<b>19</b> 6:00 PM Rocket Shrine Club	<b>20</b>  10:00 AM Prince Hall #11
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6 :30PM Sac 24 Rit- ual Practice	<b>25</b> <b>7:30</b> <b>Carrizozo</b> <b>#41</b>  <b>Christmas</b> <b>DAY</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 4:00 Tularosa #49 <b>Installation of Officers.</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

**Ruidoso Installation of Officers will be on December 1st @ 7:30 PM**  
**Mountain Top Installation of Officers will be on December 6th @ 11:00 AM**  
**Tularosa Installation of Officers will be on December 27th @ 4:00 PM**