



Tularosa Masonic Lodge

211 Higuera St.
Tularosa New Mexico

April 2008

Thoughts from the East



James T. Yeager
Worshipful Master
Tularosa #49

First of all, I would like to take the time to thank the Brothers who came down and painted the front of the Lodge. They did an excellent job. I would also like to thank Brother Mike Beckett for the generous gift of the new paper towel dispensers in both of the restrooms.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend Table Lodge due to an accident, but I heard that it was a great success and a good time was had by all. I would like to see Mountaintop Daylight Lodge join in holding this event, but I will have to talk to the Brethren of that Lodge to see what the will is of the members.

I also was unable to attend Grand Lodge this year, as the accident incapacitated my ability to walk or be on my feet for

Birthdays

Clinton Mcelheny 04/25/1929
Sidney Browning 04/14/1942
Lee Gilpin 04/05/1945
David Romine 04/12/1947
Walter Sewell 04/23/1948
Shem Peachey 04/25/1945
Otto Brueggeman 04/25/1951
William Bishop 04/13/1957

long periods. We had many Brothers from our Lodge attend and will have a report at next meeting by one of them.

I have received the notice from the fair board about the Otero County Fair in August. The Lodge needs all Brothers to come out and support us by working for a few hours. The money that we make keeps our yearly dues low. However, in the past few years we have had little support except for certain Brothers you work hard to help keep YOUR dues low. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LODGE.

Just a few reminders. Mountaintop Daylight Lodge meets Saturday 5 April at 11AM in Tularosa Lodge. Come out and support this Lodge. Tularosa Eastern Star will be providing our meal at the next meeting on the 14th of April. Dinner is at 6:30 PM, so come early and have a bite to eat and some fellowship. We continue to have practice on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Finally, I hope to see all of my fellow Brothers at Lodge next meeting and, May God Bless You!

Jim Yeager, Worshipful Master

MM Birthdays

William Marr 04/29/1960
William Stage 04/25/1961
Walter Judge 04/15/1971
Donald Huckabee 04/10/1979
Herbert Lang 04/02/2003

Worshipful Master James T. Yeager
Senior Warden Andrew Davis
Junior Warden Kreg Knepper
Treasurer Joe Ash
Secretary G.L. Tucker 2tucks@tularosa.net
Senior Deacon Lee Gilpin
Junior Deacon Richard Spoola
Chaplain Mike Beckett
Senior Steward Robert Morrow
Junior Steward Willie VanBrackle
Marshall Delmar Sanders
Tyler Ken Holt

Broken Column

**Nothing to Report
this month. Let us
pray that this con-
tinues.**



Kreg Knepper
Junior Warden
Tularosa Masonic Lodge

At our regular communication on March 1, 2008 we had a sort of a "good news - bad news" meeting.

The bad news, we draped the charter in memory of our deceased Past Grand Master, Merlin C. Black. The good news was our "grand daddy" of Mountain Top Daylight Lodge, MWB Ernie Hazelwood was in attendance, and he brought with him a guest, WB Woodham.

Since Brother Hazelwood was instrumental in providing the help needed for us to work Under Dispensation prior to receiving our charter, and since he is my mentor and dear friend I wanted to show him that I could conduct the perfect meeting. Well, that wasn't the case. I probably made more errors than I did on my first trip to the East. Brother Hazelwood, if you will return for another meeting (I cannot say visit because you are a member of Mountain Top) I will endeavor to get all my ducks lined up in a row and make you proud.

Another bad news item is: I will not be able to attend Grand Lodge because of a prior commitment in Austin, Texas. My apologies to all who have worked so hard to prepare for a great Grand Lodge meeting.

The bad news keeps on coming. WB Jim Yeager, Master of our host Lodge was in a fierce battle with a tree and I fear he came out second best. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him back in Lodge soon.

Harry G. West, Master

131st GRAND LODGE SYNOPSIS

The 131st Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held March 21 and 22, 2008 in Clovis, New Mexico at the Clovis Civic Center.

Numerous Appendant and Coordinate Body leaders and Distinguished Guests from Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Oklahoma, Utah, New Mexico, Vermont, and Wyoming were welcomed, introduced and brought fraternal greetings during the course of the session.

Past Grand Master George F. Wright led a contingent of 16 Past Grand Masters and 1 honorary Past Grand Master to the session. There were 58 Lodges represented with 32 Masters, 23 Senior Wardens, 15 Junior Wardens, and 82 Proxies. Lodges not represented were Springer 45. A total of 228 Brethren were registered.

GRAND MASTER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

No. 1 To require Lodge Officers to be proficient in Opening and Closing. NOT ADOPTED

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God has so organized our physical system that we cannot exist without food and raiment, which are procured by almost incessant labor. And in our hurry and the bustle of life, we are too apt to forget that it was not intended we should live for self alone. There are duties each owes to his fellow man. His weakness demonstrates this fact.

There are innumerable things he cannot do without assistance. Yet how easily we forget this and endeavor to rely on our own strength, alone, bidding defiance, as it were to nature.

It is a man's interest, aside from selfish considerations, to aid his fellow creature in time of need. It is a debt he owes him, and it is reciprocal, for his neighbor owes a similar debt to him, that should be paid without the hope of fee or reward.

Thus, it partakes of the essence of charity. Yet, if I do my neighbor a service, expecting something in return, it becomes a bargain and sale, and loses that benign quality that is the essence of all charitable actions.

Fraternally Kreg Knepper

No. 2 To change objection to petition.
 WITHDRAWN

No. 3 To impose a \$150.00 fine for not filing a 990, 990EZ or 990N by April 30.
 ADOPTED

Jay G. Harris of Chapman Lodge No. 2 was elected Grand Master, Wesley D. Thornton of Edgewood Lodge No. 82 was elected Grand Treasurer and William Childers of Jornada Lodge No. 70, Mesilla, was appointed Junior Grand Deacon. Brother Dennis Herman of Animas Lodge No. 15, Farmington, was elected to the Board of Directors and Chuck Miller of Hobbs Lodge No. 63 was the Kit Carson Award recipient. The Alpheas A. Keen award for Secretary of the year was presented to G.L. Tucker of Tularosa Lodge No. 49.

Elected to the Masonic Charities Board were Brothers Ken McKenzie of Liberty Lodge No. 51, Billy Jones of Bethlehem Lodge No. 56, and David L. Baker of Hondo Lodge No. 74. Brother Bert Dalton was elected President and Arthur D. Tunnell becomes Chairman by Corporation By-Laws.

From the Secretary's Desk

G.L. Tucker
Secretary
Tularosa #49



We lost another member. WB Roland "Curt" Curtis went to that "Great Grand Lodge in Heaven" on February 13, 2008. He was WM in 1995. We had a Masonic Graveside Service with WB John Secrest presiding. There was a good turnout of Masons. It went well except for the Secretary falling in the hole with the urn as he lowered it into the hole.

We have a new central heating and cooling system in the Lodge. It is really nice.

We donated \$450.00 to the Fairview Cemetery, and got \$450.00 matching funds, to install automatic sprinklers in both cemeteries. We need to control the water better as the State Engineer has a meter on our well and we can't go over our allotment.

Dues are still slow coming in. Please get your \$35.00 in.

WM Jim Yeager tangled with a tree limb and has a broken shoulder, crushed vertebrae and a plate in his ankle with 8 screws. He is planning a Widows and Widowers program at the May meeting.

Happy Easter. Adios.
G.L. Tucker

White Sands Shrine Club
William Beckett
President



Nobles

The April meeting of the Club will be on 2nd at the 19th hole. We do look forward to visiting with you there and then. Invite your candidates and prospective candidates, remember if we can get enough new Shriners we can sponsor a hot sands ceremony at the White Sands monument.

At this time we are planning to have a parade practice session on the 29 March. If you cannot make this date, please let me know. We are going to use this opportunity for a photo session and submit photos for the chatter editor.

WT Beckett.

TULAROSA BAISSN OES CHAPTER #72

Hello again Sisters and Brothers:

Not much to report on this month. No new candidates this month so it should be a normal meeting. We be will draping the charter, please remember our members who are ill. Sister Mary Owen, Worthy Grand Matron, she is still in the hospital and Sister Elisabeth Petree, she had to have more surgery on her hip. Brother Jim Yeager, had part of a tree fall on him, (guess you had better learn to duck), He is doing fine now but I am sure he would still like to hear from you, as well as all the others mentioned above, especially Sister Mary, I am sure there are many others who are under the weather, hope you get well soon.

If possible try and make as many official visits as you can.

Please, help me in supporting our special projects this year, especially the Easter eggs. Contact Virginia or Joe Ash and offer your help.

See you in chapter, 17 March.

Star Love: Joyce Beckett, Worthy Matron,
Mike Beckett, Worthy Patron

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

April 2008

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
		1 7:30 pm Prince Hall #11	2 1:00 PM White Sands Shrine @ 19th hole.	3	4 6:30 PM Scottish Rite Club	5 11:00 AM MTN Top @ Tula- rosa Lodge
6	7 7:30 pm Ruidoso #73 Stated Mtg	8	9 6:30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	10 7:30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S	11	12
13	14 7:30 PM Tularosa #49 Stated Mtg dinner @ 6:30	15 7:30 PM Alamo OES	16 6:30 Tularosa Ritual Practice	17 7:30 PM Sacramento 24 Stated Meeting Dinner @ 6:30	18 6:00 PM Rocket Shrine Club	19 LC Scottish Rite 10:00 am Prince Hall #11
20	21 7:30 PM Tularosa OES Stated Mtg.	22 7:30 PM Amaranth Stated Mtg.	23 6:30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	24 7:30 PM Carrizozo #41	25	26
28	29	30				

**Monetary Support for the Tularosa/Mountain Top Newsletter
 Mike Beckett & James Yeager**