



James T. Yeager
Worshipful Master
Tularosa #49

Brethren,

It was a pleasure having our Grand Senior Warden visit us last meeting. From his comments it seemed as though he was very pleased with our Lodge and the officers we have. Next stated meeting will be Past Masters Night, with Past Masters occupying all stations and places. I will be contacting some of our PMs as to what station or place I would like them to occupy. Brother Johnnie still has tickets available for the Thomas Kinkade lithograph, so make sure you see him during the meal in October as the drawing will be held during the meeting. We thank the Tularosa Eastern Star for providing the meal to the Brothers.

As most of you know we did okay at the Otero County Fair, but this was due to only a handful of the lodge brothers working, with the assistance of Brothers from other Lodges and a few of the ladies. This seems to be a downward trend, as fewer and fewer show up to help ever year. As a solution to this it has been suggested that we discontinue doing the food booth at the fair and increase our yearly dues. It was brought up at the last meeting and tabled until October's meeting, at which time it most likely will be voted on. If you have any

Birthdays

Bishop, William 10/08/1929
 Peachey, Shem II 10/09/1982
 Stage, William 10/14/1927
 West, Randall 10/15/1945
 Higgs, Steve 10/15/1957
 Ward, Joseph 10/22/1947
 Corbett, David 10/27/1963
 Dornblaser, Ron 10/29/1933

Master Mason Anniversary

McVeigh, William 10/04/1959

Tularosa Masonic Lodge

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Tularosa New Mexico
Meets 2nd Monday each Month

interest in this matter, you should attend the meeting if at all possible. There have been some other suggestions about the food booth and what we should do, so please come and let your wishes be known.

Just a few reminders. The Past Masters Night Committee will be providing the meal (Prime Rib) in October as it is Past Masters Night. In November we will be doing step up night and also holding elections for 2009 officers. Please come out to the meals before the meetings and fellowship with the other Brothers. 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 for those that wish to learn the floor work as well as the memorization. We are still selling chances for the Thomas Kinkade Lithograph to replenish our Building Fund, and it will be drawn for at Past Master Night in October. Please support this endeavor; and anyone not able to attend Lodge can let me know and I will be happy to send you some tickets.

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

FROM THE EAST
 Jim Yeager Worshipful Master

Hacket, Dean 10/09/2001
 Davis, Andrew 10/11.2003
 Bridge, Jimmy III 10/03/2003
 Gilpin, Lee 10/03/2003
 Tucker, Jimmy 10/03/2003
 Norton, Richard 10/03/2003
 Billyhmer, Michael 10/15/1999
 Hood, Robert D. 10/15/2005
 Hood, Robert W. 10/15/2005
 Horton, Melvin 10/18/1974
 Smith, Jerry D. 10/15/1975
 Secrest, John Jr. 10/24/1988
 Sewell, Walter 10/29/1985

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WEB SITES

- <http://nmmasons.org>
- <http://tularosamasons.com>
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Kreg Knepper
Junior Warden
Tularosa Masonic Lodge

Just who is the typical Freemason? If you ask 1,000 people, you are likely to get 1,000 answers. And that is just from the Masons. To the historian it was the Masons that were instrumental in starting the American Revolution. Names such as Paul Revere, George Washington, and Ben Franklin come to mind. This image is of great men of the past. It is a flattering and somewhat accurate image, but it does tell the whole story. Others might think of our leaders today. Many of our presidents - one as recently as Ill. Gerald R. Ford, 33, who died this past year - were members of the craft. By watching the current crop of motion pictures appearing in the theaters, you would decide the organization is rife with secrets and hidden treasures. Still others have more sinister views, imagining that Freemasons are somehow plotting the overthrow of world governments. A very brief and unscientific poll among the general public revealed the following perceptions: "It is a secret society, but I don't know what they do." "I think they are like the Lions or Kiwanis Clubs." "That's only open to bank presidents and CEOs." "I have no idea who they are or what they do and I don't think I know any." To help discern exactly who the members are, one might look to a definition of the organization as a whole. Before deciding who the Masons are, we need to know what they stand for. As with the first question, there are many responses for the second, as well. A more formal answer comes from some of the Grand Lodges. Massachusetts says, "freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest fraternity, open to adult men of good character from any religion, race, background, or opinion, who believe in a Supreme Being." Maine expounds on the religious aspect. "There are Catholic, Protestant, Mormon, Jewish, Buddhist, and Muslim Masons." New York says, "We believe in helping others. We believe there is more to life than pleasure and money. We respect the opinions of others. Masons are moral, honest men who work together to improve themselves and their communities." The Michigan Grand Lodge calls "The fraternity of Masons an organization of men bound together with a philosophy of moral standards, mutual understanding, and Brotherhood in which all men are on the level and equal." The District of Columbia says it simply. It is a "way of life." In 1957 the Missouri Lodge of Research published a four-volume set called 10,000 Famous Freemasons. In it, editor William R Denslow introduces the reader to many of the world's movers and shakers that also happened to be

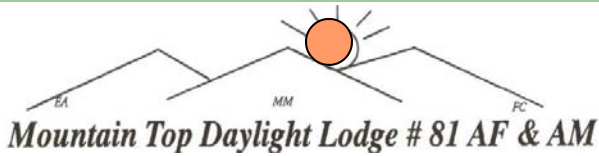
Masons. The amazing compilation of short biographies stretches from John Aasen, a movie actor to Manuel Zuralds, the first man to be tried by the Mexican Inquisition on charges of being a Freemason (1785). No such book has been penned on 10,000 not-so-famous Masons, in part because there are, and have been, millions. The fraternity is comprised of those that move the world in big ways and small ways. Perhaps there is no definitive answer because there are countless types of "typical" Masons. Ill. Mark A. Tabbert, 33, author of American Freemasons: Three centuries of building communities says, in his excellent book, "The fact that Freemasonry means different things to so many different people has been one of its greatest strengths. Its definitional elusiveness continues to attract new members while remaining the source of inspiration for its varied detractors and critics. Its supporters and critics notwithstanding, Freemasonry is an important part of many lives, entire families, and communities. So, who are these Masons? They are also office workers, plumbers, firefighters and police. They are men in the armed service. They might be auto mechanics and college professors. They come from all walks of life. In short, a member can be any man of good character. A Mason is not distinguishable by what he does for a living, how he worships, or who he votes for. The common theme is not seen in who he is, but rather in who he strives to be. The Mason is not a finished product. He is, and always will be, a work in progress. He can be your teacher or your student. He could be your boss or your employer, or even both. He might even be the guy next door.

Fraternally Kreg Knepper

ROCKET SHRINE CLUB

September's meeting was held at the 19th Hole. With 1st Vice President Noble Alex Whitten presiding. Favorable reports were given on the fair booth, recent parades, and team Holloman. Our next dinner meeting will be held at the 19th Hole on October 17th 2008.

Noble Knepper reporting.



White Sands Shrine Club
William Beckett
President



Brethren,

I will leave early in the morning for Austin; so this will be a brief newsletter from Mountain Top Daylight Lodge.

Sometimes family obligations take precedence over our normal responsibilities. For this reason my Brethren of MTDL have agreed to allow us to meet one more month in Timberon instead of travelling to Tularosa, because I will return to Timberon just before our October meeting.

As some of you know my computer service has been down for some time. It was corrected yesterday and going through some of my 80+ Emails I was not too surprised but very distressed at the news of the passing of Karen Tucker. Everyone in our lodge will agree she was the absolute favorite of all of us in Timberon. We will all miss her amazing personality and her exceptional attitude toward life and the acceptance of her health. I am proud to say that this courageous lady was my friend. Our prayers are with G. L. and his family in this time of sorrow.

Last evening I witnessed one of the most beautiful sunsets I have ever seen. It seemed to be a tribute to Karen, but in a few short moments it was gone. Brethren, this is a reminder to us of how fragile life is and that we should take advantage of every moment of Brotherly love that Masonry has taught us.

I do hope to see all of you at our October meeting.

Harry G. West, Master

Nobles,

Another year has just about drawn to a close. You have done a great job of getting the white sands club off of the ground and flying. We have a parade unit that is really exceptional, but where do we go from here? We have had some great times, the fellowship and camaraderie have been outstanding, but the time is drawing near to elect new leaders. While we are enjoying our fellowship, it is time to get on with the business of the Shrine. Not only do we need to support the temple, but the kids need our help. Put on your thinking cap, come up with a few or one good fund raiser so that we can effectively carry on the work of Shiners everywhere.

Our October 1st meeting will be held at Peppers Restaurant @ 12:30 PM. Plan to meet your fellow Nobles there for a meal and quick meeting. We still have a couple of parades to attend this year. The month of October will find us at the Oktoberfest in Ruidoso on the 4th. In November tentatively the Veterans parade and in December the Christmas parades here in Alamogordo.

Bill Beckett

Brethren

Check out the several web sites available to you for your use and Masonic education. There are several of the lodges with web sites, as well as having their newsletters posted on the web. Look for all of this in the Grand Lodge Web site.

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<http://nmmasons.org>

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October 2008

New Mexico 11th 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 12:30 PM White Sands Shrine Club @ Peppers	2	3 6:30 PM Scottish Rite Club	4 11:00 AM MTN Top PH Scottish Rite 2:00 PM
5	6 7:30 pm Ruidoso #73 Stated Mtg	7 7:30 pm Prince Hall #11	8 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Rit- ual Practice	9 7:30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S Rainbow Stated	10	11 Roswell All the way de- grees.
12	13 7:30 PM Tularosa #49 Stated Mtg din- ner @ 6:30	14	15 6:30 Tularosa Ritual Practice	16 7:30 PM Sacra- mento 24 Stated Meeting Dinner @	17 6:00 PM Rocket Shrine Club	18 LC Scottish Rite 10:00 am Prince Hall #11
19	20 7:30 PM Tularosa OES Stated Mtg.	21 7:30 PM Alamo OES	22 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Rit- ual Practice	23 7:30 pm Rain- bow Stated Meeting	24	25
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October 1 6:30 PM — Master Mason Degree @ Sacramento
October 11 — All the way degrees @ Roswell
October 13—Past Master Night @ Tularosa
October 14th—In defense of the Ruffians @ Socorro #9
October 22—Past Master Night @ Sacramento