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Juvenile Court, September 9, 2008. WB Jerry Browning presents a check for \$1000.00 to Rick Gilsdorf. Lodge members in attendance at far right Brother Bud Weidman and RW Delmar Sanders, secretary of Sacramento #24.

Office staff to the left and back of the photo are (left to Right) Georgetta Corbett, Kelly Faircloth, Grace Chavez Candy Barber, and Sandra Grrissom. .

These funds will be used to augment the state and county funds that are used to help wayward kids back on the straight and narrow path. The funds will be used in areas that the state funds can not be used.

Words of wisdom from the Grand Master. "I was the district judge for the juvenile drug court in San Miguel and Mora Counties, and feel this program is an excellent way to help young people who are experiencing drug and alcohol problems. Most of you would probably be shocked at he extent of the problem in your communities."

Our Juvenile drug courts are run by professionals, but all of them need volunteer assistance. For example, the drug court presided over by Judge Parsons in Carrizozo and Ruidoso often needs a place where the young people can meet and study for school and possibly be aided by Masonic tutors. Other courts need similar help.

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October Birthdays

George R. Bemis II	10/24/1969	David E. Kimbrell	10/09/1935	George D. Elliott	10/12/1949	
David Alan Braham	10/15/1957	Sherman Krasney	10/13/1928	Abraham Goldfarb	10/07/1965	
Martin D. Brown	10/22/1921	Michael J. Ladach	10/10/1962	John L. Green	10/18/1956	
Billy D. Callahan	10/01/1934	Wilbur L. Laughlin	10/31/1928	Otto R. Haney	10/30/1959	
Jack A. Carlson	10/23/1931	James T. Lynch III	10/13/1947	William F. Harris	10/01/1953	
G.W. Chapman	10/18/1929	Siegbert R. Mainz	10/06/1935	Lennie Lee Hockman	10/10/2001	
Fred R Cox Jr	10/25/1940	Hyrarn L Posey,	10/29/1954	Jeffery A. Hunt	10/20/1983	
Timothy Lee David	10/06/1983	Aaron Andrew Serbin	10/18/1973	Thomas Wayne Ingram	10/15/2005	
Ronald Ray Dornblaser	10/29/1933	Joe B. Stewart	10/07/1926	Benny Ray James	10/20/1958	
Abraham Goldfarb	10/20/1937	Ted Williams	10/04/1922	J. E. Kotur	10/26/1998	
Philippe J. Grau	10/17/1966	Keith Wooldridge,	10/11/1977	Wilbur L. Laughlin	10/07/1953	
John L Green	10/20/1923	Spc. Nicklaus R Zajac	10/23/198	William N. Mitchell	10/21/1970	
David A Haug	10/01/1960	Masonic Anniversaries			Albert J. Moore Jr.	10/08/1966
Joshua A. Hitchcock	10/09/1972	Leo S. Bartley	10/07/1949	Charles E. Nelson	10/19/1953	
Charles Kern	10/09/1935	Dean A. Chambers	10/15/2005	Hollis Nosker	10/29/1953	
		MSSR Brian A. Domer	10/22/2002	Richard C. Rahn	10/18/1954	
		Lawrence D. Du Bour	10/07/1972	John R. Secrest Jr.	10/24/1988	
				Jim Olden Turner	10/25/1993	



Daniel J. Glass
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Lessons Learned from the
Ancient Order of Free Gardeners

Since I wrote about the Ancient Order of Free Gardeners, I've had several people ask me if I was making this stuff up- Of course I'm not, just Google it and see what you get. The earliest documents of this Order pre dated the early Masonic writings. The point of studying this fraternity would be to understand and possibly avert a terminal decline of our fraternity. The purpose of the Free Gardeners was to control their trade, to promote honor and integrity in their dealings, and to provide charitable benevolence particularly to members in need. These principles were conveyed and nurtured largely by their ritual, which to me is stunningly beautiful and took members on a journey beginning in the Garden of Eden and working their way to the Garden of Gethsemane. This was esoteric knowledge much of which seems to be lost today.

The similarities between the Free Gardeners and the Freemasons is striking; both formed members into lodges, both sprang from operative organizations that provided support and aid to members during difficult times and taught knowledge of their trades by passing down esoteric knowledge. Both organizations soon began to admit non-operatives and soon the speculative membership predominated. The use of symbolism became one of the primary methods of communicating principles of the organizations.

So what happened to the Free Gardeners? Well, as they tried to provide support and benefit to their members they took the course of many fraternal organizations in that they became a "friendly society", which is usually defined as a mutual association for insurance-like purposes; a body of people who join together

for a common financial or social purpose. In order to make this fiscally sound they restricted their membership to males who were between the ages of 16 and 40, which was very restrictive. Unlike Masonry that opened its doors to all who had a belief in the Grand Architect of the Universe, which was very inclusive. Gardeners restricted their membership to the protestant faith. This had to be proven by a certificate within twelve months, which was very exclusive. The nature of employment changed from a system whereby work could be found in the lodges to a much more impersonal business/corporate environment, which excluded the availability of employment through local lodges. The function of the state became much more involved with individual welfare usurping that function of the fraternity. Finally, according to Robert Cooper, author of *Cracking the Freemasons Code*, "it appears that the esoteric function was the one to suffer the most."

Our lesson, I think, is how we can be relevant to a man in our present day civilization and society. The answer, as it always has been, remains by providing to him the Masonic Light. That light is contained in the Masonic Ritual which is passed from member to member as esoteric knowledge.* There are at least two main approaches to bringing that Masonic Light to him and they can be boiled down into (1) make it easier for him or (2) make it harder on him to become a member and what is expected of him. I'll pass on that discussion but guess what, that brings us to (uncomfortably to some of us) the topic of memorization. We will look at the Masonic Secrets to memory work next time-
See you in Lodge

***ESOTERIC KNOWLEDE, ESOTERICISM OR ESOTERISM** – Knowledge that is available to only a narrow circle of "enlightened" or "initiated" or specially educated people. Understood by or meant for only the select few who have special knowledge or interest. A philosophical doctrine or the like intended to be revealed only to the initiates of a group

From the Secretary's Desk



Delmar Sanders
Secretary
Sacramento Lodge

This has been a very busy month for me after chasing around last month at the Otero County Fair Masonic Information Booth. That was a most enjoyable task, but it did take up a lot of time. I hope that someone else will chair the effort next year and I will be the first to step up and volunteer to work.

Now to get to Sacramento Lodge business:

We are currently working with two candidates: Fellow Craft Brother Adam Karabelski. and Mr. Phillip Plaistow who has petitioned for the Degrees of Freemasonry.

On Wednesday the 24th, we expect to confer the Entered Apprentice Degree on Mr. Plaistow, beginning at 6:30 P.M..

The Master Mason Degree will be conferred on Brother Adam Karabelski in the near future, so be sure to keep checking the lodge mail for the correct time and date. We hope to see a large turnout for both of these degrees.

Next Friday and Saturday, September 26th and 27th will see the Scottish Rite Degrees conferred in Las Cruces, at the Las Cruces Scottish Rite Consistory, so if you are a Scottish Rite Mason, please be sure to come over and attend. If you haven't joined yet, there are several Scottish Rite Brethren who will be happy to help you fill out a Petition and give you whatever information you might need. We have two Candidates from this end of the District, and I believe that Brother Jim Burrow, has five or six from the Ruidoso area, so there should be several people in the class that you will know and enjoy the Degrees with. This Reunion honors Illustrious Brother Thomas Whelan, 33^o, IGH, who worked very hard in the Consistory.

This will be the Seventy-fifth or Seventy-sixth Reunion, so come on over and help us celebrate!

Your Secretary,
Delmar A. Sanders

White Sands Shrine Club
William Beckett
President



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 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

WEB SITES

Grand Lodge <http://nmmasons.org>
Sacramento Lodge <http://sacramento24.org>
Tularosa Lodge <http://tularosamasons.com>

There are many links to found in the Grand Lodge web site as well as many other useful links and sites.

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 12:30 PM White Sands Shrine Club MM Deg @Sac	2	3 6:30 PM Scottish Rite Club	4 11:00 AM MTN Top Amaranth Install
5	6 7:30 PM Rui- doso #72	7 7:30 pm Prince Hall #11	8 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Rit- ual Practice	9 :7:30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S	10	11 9:00 AM Roswell all the way degrees
12	13 7:30 PM Tularosa #49 Stated Mtg dinner @ 6:30	14 7:30PM Alamo OES	15 6:30 Tularosa Ritual Practice	16 7:30 PM Sacramento 24	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 Amaranth Stated Mtg.	22 6 :30 PM Past Master @ Sacramento 24	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 7:30 PM Carrizozo #41 Fellowship @ Sac 6:30 pm	31	

Master Mason Degree @ Sacramento #24—6:30 PM October 1st
All the way degrees in Roswell is on October 11th
Tularosa Lodge #49 Past Master Night is on the 13th of October—Prime Rib
In Defense of the Ruffians @ Socorro #9—October 14th
Sacramento #24 Past Master Night is October 22nd
Fellowship Dinner @ Sacramento #24—30th @ 6:30 PM