

Tularosa Masonic Lodge

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211 Higuera St.
Tularosa New Mexico
Meets 2nd Monday each Month



James T. Yeager
Worshipful Master
Tularosa #49

Brethren,

First of all, I would like to congratulate all of the Brothers on their election to offices for next year. The Treasurer and Secretary have been doing an outstanding job and they will ensure that another year will go by smoothly for the Worshipful Master elect. Worshipful Master elect Brother Andrew, I know that you will do a good job if it is any indication of the last two years. Brother Greg, the Brothers can be assured that you can step up to the plate and fulfill the Worshipful Masters station if required. And finally to our Junior Warden elect Brother Johnnie, the Brothers are either giving you a second chance to relieve yourself, or you did an outstanding job the first time around. Just joking with you Brother Johnnie!! I know that it is because of the later of the two and your dedication to the station you will occupy.

Right Worshipful Brother Walt Argall, District Deputy Grand Master will make another Official Visit at next month's meeting on the 8th of December. He will be bringing a

message from our Grand Master and will be inspecting the work of Opening and Closing the Lodge. Brothers, please come to this meeting to show him our support. It is also my last meeting as Worshipful Master and it would mean a great deal to have a good turn out by the Brothers.

Just a few reminders. The meal for December will be Ham, Mash Potatoes & Gravy, Green Bean Casserole, Homemade Rolls, and Pumpkin Pie for Dessert. It will be provided by the Ladies of the Amaranth Court. 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. If you know of a Brother who has not been coming to Lodge, due to not being able to get there on his own, offer to give him a ride.

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

BIRTHDAYS

Bruggeman Otto	12/01/1918
Orr, Clyde	12/12/1947
McVeigh, William	12/15/1923
Hollis, James	12/17/1959
Martin, Edward	12/19/1957
Tucker, G.L.	12/23/1940
Johnson, Kenneth	12/29/1971
Livesay, James	12/12/1931

MASONIC ANNIVESARY

Posey, Leaden	12/04/1956
Watson, Richard	12/05/2000
Horton, Lloyd	12/10/1958
Tucker, G.L.	12/14/1964
Hutchens, John Jr.	12/14/1966
Peachey, Shem	12/14/1981
Orr, Clyde	12/20/1979
Shoener, Lamar	12/20/1951
Booth, Gordon	12/27/1936
Baker, Alan	12/30/1990

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G.L. Tucker
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Kreg Knepper
Junior Warden
Tularosa Masonic Lodge



Brethren,

The dues are slowly coming in for 2009. If you haven't paid them yet, please do so as soon as you can. I would like to have them in before January 1, 2009, then I won't have to be bothered with them.

I would like to congratulate Brother Bud Weidman on becoming a plural member of Tularosa Lodge # 49 and for buying an endowed membership. Also congratulations to Brother Bill McCullough for buying an endowment.

We voted to help the Tularosa High School Spirit team get to go to San Antonio, Texas to perform in December.

We also are going to help the Tularosa Middle School 8th grade go to Boston in June.

We will be having a Christmas Party for two third grade classes, in December.

I hope all of you have a great Thanksgiving and stay safe.

Adios and Happy Trails, G. L. Tucker

Are all Grand Masters "Most Worshipful"?

Almost all Grand Masters and Past Grand Masters have the honorific title of "Most Worshipful." Lesser grand officers use "Right Worshipful," "Worshipful," and sometimes "Very Worshipful." This adjectival hierarchy is probably inherited from church usage where there are "Reverends," "Right Reverends," and so on (especially the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches). The Grand Master and Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania are "Right Worshipful," and while the Grand Master of Texas is "Most Worshipful," Past Grand Masters of Texas are "Right Worshipful." These naming conventions are idiosyncratic enough that you need to consult each grand lodge's constitution to know what adjectives apply to which officers.

Fraternally Kreg Knepper

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
11th Masonic District



Brethren,

I have been told that all good things must come to an end. Well, this will be my last contribution to the Newsletters, and the last time in the East because my time has inevitably expired. 'Tis the time to pass the torch (or square).

This event will happen on December 6, 2008 at the Tularosa Masonic Hall, as W. Brother, Jim Sims takes the reigns for the ensuing year. This will be an open installation and family and friends are invited.

The year 2008 has been an eventful year. Some "ups" and "downs" but we have increased our membership - that was my goal. I did not want to have to give back the challenge coin that M.W.B. Shem Peachey gave to all of the Masters this year.

On a personal note, I may be away from home a considerable amount of time in 2009. That is why I asked not to be elected nor appointed to any of the stations or places; however, I would like to express my appreciation to the Brethren for giving me the honor of sitting in the East for the fourth time. This has been a tremendous privilege for me, and it will not be forgotten.

Mountain Top Daylight Lodge #81 still has challenges facing it but it will survive. An experienced slate of officers will ensure this.

Harry G. West, Master

White Sands Shrine Club
William Beckett
President



Hi Nobles,

Remember our special meeting this month. At this meeting we will install our newly elected officers in their respective offices. With our help they will continue the success that we have experienced this year, and will even make this a more active club.

We have had a lot of fun this year, accomplished a lot. Our parade unit has been a great success, and looks like it will even improve as time goes by. With the trailer that Noble Walt is working on for our parade pit crew, everyone can be involved in the parades, A pit crew, lets expand on this theme and see where it will take us. (We still have the Christmas Parade On the 13th).

As 2008 draws to a close, Sharyl and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. May 2009 bring each of you much joy and happiness. I thank each and every one of you for the support and help. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the White Sands Shrine club. I look forward to working with and helping our new officers however I can.

Bill Beckett

Brethren,

I want to thank you for trusting me to serve again.

With the consent of the Lodge, I suggest we plan to accomplish the following projects in the coming year:

1. Increase member participation in Lodge activities.
2. Continue our program to display a Masonic presence in the Sacramento Mountains.
3. Revise our scholarship application form and publicize our activity.

4. Continue our long-range plan of developing our lot on Pawnee Dr.

5. Study the feasibility of hoisting an Out-door degree and revising the MTD Lodge Golf Tournament in Timberon.

6. Hoist a Table Top meeting.

Hoist a Widows and Past Masters Day.

I ask for your support and participation during the coming year.

Fraternally, WB: Jim Sims

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

December 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 Ruidoso #73 Stated Mtg	2 7:30 pm Prince Hall #11	3 12:30 PM White Sands Shrine	4	5 6:30 PM Scottish Rite Club	6 11:00 AM MTN Top Installation of officers
7	9 7:30 PM Tularosa #49 Stated Mtg. dinner @ 6:30	9	10 6:30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	11 7:30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S Rainbow Stated	12	13
14	15 7:30 PM Tularosa OES Stated Mtg.	16 7:30 PM Alamo OES	17 6:30 Tularosa Rit- ual Practice	18 7:30 PM Sacramento 24 Stated Meeting Dinner @ 6:30	19 6:00 PM Rocket Shrine Club	20 10:00 am Prince Hall #11
21	22	23	24 30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	25 7:30 PM Carrizozo #41 <u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>	26	27 Tularosa Installation of officers
28	229	30				

Tularosa Lodge Ritual Practice, first and third Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
Installation of Officers will be on December 27th
Mountain Top Installation of Officers December 6th @ 11:00 AM