



# Tularosa Masonic Lodge

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## Thoughts from the East



**James T. Yeager**  
Worshipful Master  
Tularosa #49

Brethren

I was glad to see so many Brothers at our last meeting. It was especially heart warming to see Brother Tom Owen at Lodge. We also have two Brothers that desire to dual with our lodge and we are really happy that they feel at home. We have completed half of my year and as I look back we have accomplished many items. The air-conditioning is definitely a welcomed addition to our building. Also, the addition of the covering over the front of the building is a great improvement in the buildings appearance. We have spent quite a bit of our lodge funds on these two projects and one of the means of replenishing our building fund is the money we bring in from the Otero County Fair. The Otero County Fair is coming up pretty fast and it is not that far off into August. We will have the sign-up sheets at next stated meeting and I would appreciate it if all Brothers would sign-up to work as it cuts down on the amount of time some of the other Brothers have to work. 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. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LODGE by working a few hours.

Just a few reminders. The Lodge Stewards will be providing the meal in July, so please come out to the meal before the meeting on July the 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. We voted to do a drawing for a Thomas Kinkadee Lithograph to replenish our Building Fund. 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!

Jim Yeager, WM Tularosa #49

## ROCKET SHRINE CLUB

Rocket Shrine Club held its yearly meeting with the potentate and divan from Albuquerque June 13th at Jerry and Marry Browning home. There was a social hour from 5 to 6. Meal was served 6:00 I would like to thank Andy Brown for doing a wonder job on the steak. Thanks to you all for a job well done.

We would like to thank White Sands Shrine for joining us this made our day complete. There were around 85 nobles and their ladies present.

The Potentate William Broughall and his wife Ginny presented a slide. Preview of what was happening around the state and our hospitals for our children. Good job thanks Bill Music by Average Joe and dancing followed. I would like to thank Marry and Jerry for a wonderful evening.

'Onions have arrived' They will be sold at Wal-Mart, K-Mart parking lot. Jerry shop 1660 N White sands. Evergreen Park 2200 N. Florida, Glass Insurance 200 N. White Sands Hallbeck Insurance 2617 N. White Sands. They will be stored at Paul and Janet Keyser Home phone 575 434 3707. Cell Phone 575 491 9617, 2402 S Walker Ave. Sales will be done there also.

Fellows this is your project we need all your help Step up and be counted.

July 4th Parade is just around the corner. We will meet at Jerry 1660 North White Sands between 8:00 and 8:30 that morning to get ready. Parade starts at 10:00 at the corner of 9th and Oregon (old IGA parking lot) Lets have a good turn out. Remember our fair booth project is August 13-16. We need all your help

Again thanks to you all for making this month one of the best.

Next meeting will be announced from President John Romine

Shrine Brother Noble Paul Keyser

## Birthday

7-17	Owen, Tom T
7-09	Beckett, William T.
7-22	Yeager, James T.
7-25	Hawes, Thomas
7-20	Hackett, Dean
7-10	Neagle, Christopher
7-03	Romine, John E

## Master Mason Anniversary

7-02-1948	Atkins, Wyatt S.
7-07-1954	McElheny, Clinton .
7-27-1989	Mauro, Louis P.
7-15-1997	Hawes, Thomas J.
7-27-1999	Tucker, Johnny E.

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**Kreg Knepper**  
**Junior Warden**  
**Tularosa Masonic Lodge**

### **OBSERVATIONS FROM THE SOUTH**

Noise can be heard coming from the television. but what is it saying? Is anyone watching it? When you drive to work, you probably have the radio on, but at the end of the day, can you even remember what you were listening to? When did you look, really look, at the pictures on the walls of your house or office? Are they objects of notice or do you just pass them by and they become overlooked in the course of a busy day? How often do we look and yet fail to see? How often do we hear and yet fail to listen? Do we become desensitized to everyday happenings in our lives with the extraordinary becoming ordinary and even mundane? Pulitzer Prize author Annie Dillard, theologian of sorts and naturalist, calls us to account for failing to notice, for failing to really see our world as it is, and for failing to celebrate the mystery in the mundane, the wonder in the commonplace, the majesty in the details. Could, perhaps, the same be true for our journey through Masonry? Have we repeated the rituals so often, observed the signs and symbols countless times, and been a member so long that we have lost our sense of excitement and appreciation of that which was once so extra-special in our lives? There was a time for each of us when presenting ourselves as candidates for the mysteries of Masonry that we were called upon to consider how we were living and, perhaps, how we should be living. Into our hands were placed the tools with which we were to build a good life—the rule, the square, the compasses, the gauge, and the level, to name only a few. "Use them, and use them well," we were told, and the satisfaction of a life well lived will be ours. The benefits, to be sure, were not to be realized only in the ethereal hereafter, but in the present time—this life—with improved relations among our fellows, our families, and certainly within ourselves. What a great ambition, a noble task, and exalted purpose were ours as we advanced through Masonry. Are we still focused and using what we have been given in Masonry? Are we as enthusiastic as our first days? Or has the noble become common, the extraordinary now mundane, and has the rush of days caused us to miss the mark? Masonry sometimes struggles with identity: Are we really a secret society? Or are we a society with secrets? Some-

times a secret is that which is most obvious, and the concealed is hidden in that which is most plain. Might I invite you to take another look at that which you have seen for so long, to rediscover that which you knew long ago? The goal has not changed, and the need is as urgent as the night of our first degree. Come again and look with me. Our Blue Lodge would be a good place to start.

Fraternally Kreg Knepper



**Andrew Davis**  
**Senior Warden**  
**Tularosa Masonic Lodge**

Greeting's from the west. Another month has gotten by us. We are closer to Aug. and I can see lines of people forming at the food booth. I can hear the orders being called out as customers decide what they want. Wait a minute I also see the Masonic family members working together as a team to provide the refreshments that have been ordered. The team effort has started in the morning shift. With burritos and coffee and has continued with prep work for the next two shifts. The spatula is passed from shift to shift. Almost like the traditional torch when starting the Olympic Games. I see people joking, eating and trying to watch the rodeo in between waves of customers. Will I see you? I sure hope so. If you have a little free time come on out to the fair; not only for the food booth, but also for the Masonic information booth, the shiners' balloon booth, and also get a candied apple from the rainbow girls. I won't lie, it can get frustrating, but with the great companionship you'll find there it will soon pass. come out and make new friends, visit with old friends and if anything goes really great maybe a friendship that was hurt by a misunderstanding can be fixed. You'll never know unless you come out. Remember we as the Masonic family are the one's who are at the helm, so if you can, help us sail to success together. Hope to see you there

Fraternally yours Andrew Davis,



Brethren,

We had our first meeting at home on June 7th, and even though we had been treated like "favorite relatives" at Tularosa it was good to be home. We do hope to be back in Tularosa before the snow flies though. The room in the Community Center where we now meet is ideal for Lodge meetings. Our only problem was, everyone thought everyone else was going to make coffee. Consequently, we had no coffee. Minor adjustments will be made before our next meeting: Speaking of our next meeting, it will be in August because of the July 4th activities that will happen that day and most of the brethren have obligations or will be off the mountain; so we will be dark in July.

During my absence in part of May, brothers Bill McCullough and Olin McGill worked diligently on securing our meeting place and making preparations for clearing our lot. Work has begun on that project.

Another project that is taking place here is - after 35 years of being on a gravel road, the county is now paving the road in front of my house. I am so accustomed to breathing the dust I don't really know how I'm gonna adjust. I'll sure try though...

In August when you "flatlanders" get tired of the blistering heat, come on up to Timberon and take a big deep breath of this fresh, unpolluted mountain air in the tall cool pines and cool off.

Harry G. West, Master

### **From the Mountain Top Secretary's Desk**

What a Night

When was the last time you said to yourself "I'm proud to be a Mason? For me, it was Monday Night on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June at Ruidoso Lodge #73 where I watched six candidates receive the Entered Apprentice degree. The Work was not only enlightening, it was inspiring. If I start naming names of the Brothers that did such an outstanding job I would have to use the Lodge Sign in Book. Let me say this "The officers thoroughly know this degree and did their best work in impressing the candidates with the beauty and sacredness of Freemasonry on this, their first vision of Light". Yes, it was one of those nights I will always remember. Our candidate EA: John Siracusano was so enthused he wanted to start his work on the way back to Timberon. WB: Jim Sims, his coach, started him off right.

As most Brethren in the 11 the Masonic District know our small Lodge is unable to conduct degrees without the help of our sisters Lodges. It takes more time for us to get a candidate scheduled for a degree than most Lodges. Our candi-

date was getting a little concerned; now he admits it was worth waiting for.

Our sincere thanks and kudos to Ruidoso Lodge #74 and Tularosa Lodge #49 for getting six EA's started on their road to light.

If you want to say "I'm proud to be a Mason" spend an evening at either of these real working Lodges

Bill McCullough, Acting Secretary

### **Quotes for Independence Day**

Freedom is nothing else but a chance to be better."  
Albert Cameus

"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation."

George Washington

Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force; like fire, a troublesome servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action."

George Washington

"Ninety-nine percent of the failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses."

George Washington

An army of asses led by a lion is better than an army of lions led by an ass"

George Washington

"Those who desire to give up freedom in order to gain security will not have, nor do they deserve, either one."

Benjamin Franklin

### **White Sands Shrine Club**

William Beckett  
President



Thanks to the Rocket Club for sharing the Potentate visit to Alamogordo. Otherwise there would have been two large dinners with fewer Nobles at each. And the dinner at the home of Noble Jerry Browning was a success.

On the 4th of July the White Sands Club will join the Ruidoso Shrine Club at the Capitan Parade. That was a great success last year and we fully expect the same this year. Following the parade there will be a hamburger and hot dog meal behind the fire station in Capitan.

On the 5th of July the club meeting will be at the Gran Quivera National Monument. We will have hamburgers with all the fixins and our own personal tour guide, Noble Brother Charles "Sarge" Biggs. Look forward to seeing all of our members and guests there.

**Bill Beckett**

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

**JULY 2008**

<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>
		1 7:30 pm Prince Hall #11	2 1:00 PM White Sands (mtg moved to 5th @ Gran Quivera Monument	3	4 6:30 PM Scottish Rite Club Capitan Pa- rade	5 11:00 AM MTN Top <b>(Dark)</b>
6	7 7:30 pm Ruidoso #73 Stated Mtg	9	9 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	10 7:30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S Rainbow Stated	11	12
13	14 7:30 PM Tularosa #49 Stated Mtg dinner @ 6:30	15 7:30 PM Alamo OES Ice cream social	16 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 LC Scottish Rite 10:00 am Prince Hall #11
21	22 7:30 PM Tularosa OES Stated Mtg.	23 7:30 PM Ama- ranth Dark	24 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	25 7:30 pm Rainbow Stated Meet- ing	26	27
28	29	30	31			

**4th of July, parades at Alamogordo & Capitan  
 5th White Sands Shrine Club will be a Gran Quivera Monument**