



# Huachuca Lodge #53



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## From the East

WM Matt Covell

This Month I give thanks And This Month I give Quiet Warning.

I give thanks to each and every one of the Active members of Huachuca Lodge #53 and to the active members of our fellow lodges who come out to support our activities, degrees and functions.

It is this active portion of Cochise county Masonry that ensures that we continue to have successful lodges. These Brothers support the Master when we have work to do. These Brothers who know what needs to be done and willingly take a participatory role in doing what they can for the good of Masonry.

It amazes me and truly makes me proud to see Brothers stepping up to perform the important works, joining together in the pursuit of a better lodge. Many of our Brothers work fulltime and are raising their families (I am included in this group) yet as believers still come out to do what is necessary for the good of Masonry. I will not boast or self-congratulate, but rather will recognize my Brothers who make such sacrifices of their time for our endeavors. It is Hard. To each of you; thank you.

This article is not to make any negative statement toward or about our less active members. Many work odd hours and cannot be at our events and I do not think any less of them. Many support in other ways and I give thanks for them as well.

Unfortunately, we do have some members who fall into a very sad category, "Non-Active Nay-Sayers." To these Brothers I say the Following: If you prefer to sit around and complain about lodge, rather than show up and make it better, all you are doing is Hurting Masonry and discouraging those who do care about our Lodge and it's Future. To put it simply, Stand up or Shut up.

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## Masonic Losses — Collected by Bro. Gene Bull

### George Timmons (January 21, 1932 - July 11, 2009)

George B. "Tim" Timmons, age 77, a 49-year resident of the Huachuca City/Whetstone area, after a long and often painful illness, departed this life at his home, Saturday, July 11, 2009. George, the son of George B. and Margaret Anna (Dunn) Timmons was born Jan. 21, 1932, in Magnolia, Harford County, Md.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1949 with service in Korea and Vietnam, retiring as a master sergeant at Fort Huachuca in 1971. Within a few years after his retirement, he was beset with an illness that he camouflaged by a continuous smile that accompanied him to the very end.

He was a Mason for the past 53 years, a charter member and Past Master of Camp Stone Lodge #77 F&AM, Whetstone, Ariz., and present Master of King Solomon Lodge #5 in Tombstone. He was a 33rd degree member in the Tucson Scottish Rite. He also belonged to Altan Kol Grott, White Rose York Rite Bodies and the Red Cross of Constantine.

George was honored with acceptance into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2006. He was also a member of The Society of the War of 1812, State of Maryland.

He was active in the Boy Scouts of America, serving for a time as Scoutmaster for the former Huachuca City Troop 460, as well as positions with the Cochise and Catalina councils. Memberships included: life member in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, having been 1997-'98 commander of Huachuca City Post 10342 and 2001-'02 District 7 commander; life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Colonel Carroll M. Fyffe Memorial Chapter 572, AmVets, Disabled American Veterans and The American Legion, Tombstone, Ariz. Post 24.

George is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary; a son, Timothy S. Timmons (Cheryl) of Dale City, Va.; daughters, Karen E. Oxford (Talmadge), Karla A. Tinnin (Randall) and Tamela J. Czechowski (Michael), all of Tucson, Ariz.; and four grandchildren; Ashley E. Oxford, Andrew S. Timmons, Aubrey J. Timmons and Samuel Molina.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 19, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hatfield Funeral Home, 830 S. Highway 82. Funeral service will be on Monday, July 20, at 11:30 a.m. at Hatfield Funeral Home, followed by Masonic and military services at the Fort Huachuca Post Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arizona Masonic Foundation for Children, P.O. Box 90408, Tucson AZ 85702 or the Scottish Rite Children's Language Center, 202 E. Speedway, Tucson AZ 85705.



## Masonic Losses — Collected by Bro. Gene Bull

### George H. Mason (July 7, 1924—July 22, 2009)

George Harlan Mason was born July 7, 1924, in Jacksonville, Ill., and moved to Arizona in 1957. George made his home in Sierra Vista, Ariz., since 1970. George passed away on July 22, 2009, after a long illness.

George is survived by his wife of 64 years, Anna L. Mason. George is also survived by four children, Bonnie M. Klasen, Steven A. Mason, Peggy J. Cruz and Danny A. Mason. He is also survived by five granddaughters, six great-grandsons, and one great-granddaughter. Also surviving are one brother and three sisters.

George was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge, achieving his 33rd degree. His wishes were to have his body donated to science to benefit a teaching university.

George's death will leave a great void in the hearts of those who loved him.

A Masonic memorial service will be held at a later date.



### Chuck Anderson

Provided by WB Andy Anderson

Bro. Chuck Anderson Masonic Service will be at the VA Cemetery off Buffalo Soldier Trail on August 10, 2009 starting at 11 AM. There will be no church service and no activity at the Jensen Mortuary. Everything will take place at the VA Cemetery. King Solomon Lodge #5 of Tombstone of which Bro. Chuck was a Member will perform the service and the Air Force Honor Guard will perform their service immediately afterwards. Your attendance would be appreciated. The point of contact for this service is Andy Anderson. Look for the obituary on August 10th in the SV Herald Newspaper.

## From The East (Continued)

We at Huachuca 53 have had an amazing couple of Months. We have made Master Masons who will live by our Teachings and will set a good example to our community. We are supporting a Great Charity, CHIPS, and we have members actively working those events. We are hitting some roadblocks with the City on our Heating and Cooling, but we are still pressing forward and making progress.

All in all, Life is good and I am very proud to be a member of Huachuca Lodge #53. Good Friends and Brothers; be not discouraged by the ill-conceived words of those who have lost their way. Instead, rejoice in the great Brotherhood and fellowship we enjoy, and be proud of the great things we are accomplishing.

Absent Nay-Sayers; if you are steadfast in your destructive statements, consider that you are injuring the good name of many of your Brethren when making them.

With Every Honoring Intention,  
-Matt

## Did you Know?

### **WB Andy Anderson**

The Hat - in the western world the head is uncovered when entering a place of worship, in the eastern world the feet. To keep the head covered while all around are uncovered is a token of superiority and rank of office, the badge of authority.

## Widows Sons

### **Bro Scott Davis**

I just wanted to let you know that some of us from San Pedro #55 are starting an Arizona chapter of the Widows Sons MASONIC motorcycle riders association. If you know of any Master Masons that Ride a bike and may be interested they can contact me by calling my cell phone at (**contact the Trestle Board editor for this info**). Information can be found at [www.widowssons.com](http://www.widowssons.com). Once we get all set up I will write a short article for the trestle board.

## Degree Work



Bro Duane L. Brown's FC degree on the 14th of July.



Senior Grand Deacon Rite Worshipful Richard McNeil made his official visit to Campstone Lodge #77



Bro. Brian Kundert's EA Degree on 15 July, Conferred by MWGM Michael T. Bishop



Bro. Eric Coulson's MM Degree on 22 July



Bro. Maurice Mitchell's MM Degree on 8 July

Not shown, Bro Jeff York received his 2nd degree on the 29th of July. Pictures were taken, but as of printing were not available .

## Let their be Light?

[http://themasonictrowel.com/masonic\\_humor/masonic\\_blunders\\_main.htm#top](http://themasonictrowel.com/masonic_humor/masonic_blunders_main.htm#top)

Q: How many Masons does it take to unscrew a light bulb?

A: It's a secret!

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Q: How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Three. One to screw it in, one to read the minutes of the previous light bulb replacement, and one to sit on the sidelines and complain about the way they USED to screw in light bulbs.

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Question: How many masons does it take to screw-in a light bulb?

Answer: 12 (a dozen), One to screw it in, One to hold the ladder and Ten on the sidelines saying; That not the way it used to be done!

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Q: How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?

After much research this tricky question can now be answered. It takes 20, as follows:

- 2 to complain that the light doesn't work.
- 1 to pass the problem to either another committee, Temple Board or Master of the Lodge.
- 3 to do a study on light in this Lodge.
- 2 to check out the types of lights the Knights of Columbus use.
- 3 to argue about it.
- 5 to plan a fund-raising dinner to raise money for the bulb.
- 2 to complain that "that's not the way we did it before."
- 1 to borrow a ladder, donate the bulb and install it.
- 1 to order the brass memorial plate and have it inscribed.

A little before Lodge is about to open an old man totters up to the Tyler and says, "I'm here to receive my 2nd degree."

Well, they all look at this guy, who really is older than dirt, and they ask him to explain.

"I was entered on July 4, 1922. Now I'm ready for my 2nd degree."

So they go scurrying for the records, and sure enough, there was his name, entered on July 4, 1922.

"Where have you been all these years? What took you so long to be ready for your 2nd?" they ask.

Reply: "Learning to subdue my passions!"

## Calendar of Meetings for 2009

### Stated Meetings

7th of	January	7p.m.
4th of	February	7p.m.
4th of	March	7p.m.
1st of	April	7p.m.
6th of	May	7p.m.
3rd of	June	7p.m.
1st of	July	7p.m.
5th of	August	7p.m.
2nd of	September	7p.m.
7th of	October	7p.m.
4th of	November	7p.m.
2nd of	December	7p.m.

### Charity, Finance and Fund-Raising

4th of	February	5p.m.
1st of	April	5p.m.
5th of	August	5p.m.
4th of	November	5p.m.

To be held in the Secretaries office and open to all members

### Meetings of the Board of Trustees

4th of	March	5p.m.
6th of	May	5p.m.
2nd of	September	5p.m.
2nd of	December	5p.m.

To be held in the Secretaries office and open to all members

## Sierra Vista CHIP program

### Bro. Phillip Shulsky

The Cochise County CHIP program is up and running! We conducted our first training session on the 17th of July and held an event the next day as part of the Sierra Vista back to school fair. All in all, I think all the workers found the program to be very rewarding. But don't take my opinion, ask any of them.

We are working with the Tucson CHIP program to schedule another training event to bring those not available for the initial training on board. More training will be scheduled as required. Reserve the 26th of August from 5:30 to 7(ish) to receive training, and participate in this very worthwhile program.

An account has been set up with the Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation in the name of Sierra Vista CHIPs. This will enable people or business to donate money to our program and have that donation be tax deductible. When we have suitable funds built up, they will assist us in purchasing our own equipment.

Speaking of donations, we could use some. Not only in the form of cash, but also in supplies. Blank CR-Rs, jewel cases, clip boards, pens, a couple laminators with LOTs of laminate are just a few of our required supplies. To give you an idea of our needs, our event on the 18th of July resulted in enrolling 128 children—that's 128 CD-Rs with the cases, and 256 laminated ID cards, plus paper and flyers. It all adds up. We do put out a donation jar, but donating IS NOT a requirement.

Donations by organizations is also GREATLY appreciated. As of the writing of this article, \$100 has been pledged by the High 12 Club and \$500 by Huachuca #53. Several Brothers have also made contributions, THANK YOU!

To be absolutely clear, this program IS NOT just for Sierra Vista. It is for the county. It does not matter what Masonic body you belong to, you can help with either time (as a volunteer) or money. Even if you know someone who is not Masonic, they can help.

We have two events scheduled for August. The first is in Benson on the 1st of August at Lion's park, the second on the 11th of August in Saint David. The Lions Park event resulted in 90 more children being enrolled.

## WORK

### Bro. Phillip Shulsky

Those that read my articles in the Trestle Board know that I usually speak about positives, and attempt to motivate people to continue their efforts. Sadly, my Brothers, this month will be different. Even the most optimistic person from time to time, must acknowledge the negative. In this case, with the goal of stimulating thought and, it is hoped, a reformation.

Masonry, in general, is undergoing an adaptation, or an evolution. Gone are the days of men joining together for the sole purpose of socializing. Service and action are the flavor now. People from foreign lands will tell you that one of the most American traits is speed: We do everything fast. We talk fast, we drive fast, and we take action fast. This, I think, contributes to one of the major problems in our Lodge.

The builders of our Lodge deserve our thanks and admiration. They completed tasks that most would never consider starting. Over the years, necessary repairs have been made to keep the building functional. We are now in a situation where the Band-Aids are wearing off and in some cases cannot, or should not be replaced. Upgrades are in order. Most people recognize this, and support it. Others however do not, yet sit idly without making their concerns known. These same people then attend other Masonic (and non Masonic) activities and complain openly about the agendas, and activities of the young “upstarts.”

I don't mind being talked about. I'm nearly 40-years old and have learned that if you choose to be out front, you need thick skin. What bothers me is that these brothers don't talk about their feelings in the forum where it can make a difference. It is my opinion that if you don't attend Lodge, if you don't raise your concerns when a topic is brought before the Lodge for discussion, then you should accept, and support the decisions made. I am not saying that the acceptance and support needs to be of the active variety, although that would be nice. Unity of command and support is equally important.

Unity of command and support insinuates that once the Lodge has brought a topic to the floor, an opportunity for discussion given, and a vote taken; you as a member should support the decision of the Lodge, at least by NOT trying to incite negativity about it. Maybe it's just the Soldier in me, but when my Commander made a decision, even if I really disagreed with it, I took ownership of it, and accomplished the mission. Failure was not an option.

Failure is something we are facing.

We will have no heat this winter; there are several significant leaks in the building; the appliances in the kitchen were on their last leg before we got them; it is only by the grace of the G.A.O.T.U. that we still have a secretary's office... and the list goes on and on, and that is just the materialistic side. We also have a handful of Brothers who are supporting several local Lodges and organizations in addition to their personal and professional obligations. The aforementioned needs will end up being met by this already overburdened group.

Several arguments have been voiced to me regarding these issues, and others. One of the most frustrating is the belief that we do too many things. Our schedule is very full, there is no denying that. But I challenge anyone to prove that any of the things are unnecessary.

Our degree schedule is a mixed blessing. On one hand, we have had degree work every week for over two months. On the other hand, our Lodge is growing, and prospering. More importantly, Masonry is prospering. The men we are working with are good men, and will serve this Lodge for many years. They are working hard to learn that which needs to be learned, and are already actively supporting the community activities of this Lodge.

Does Masonry exist to serve us, or are we bound by our obligations and charges to serve it?

I think the answer is that masonry should be a symbiotic relationship in which both it and we benefit. Our sacrifice of a few hours once a week is a small price to pay for the years of service these men will give.

How many Brothers actively support Bikes for books, or CHIPs, or our deployed Soldier program? How many helped take food to the needy during Thanksgiving and Christmas? The answer: few. In most cases, it's the same ones doing the degree work.

My military leadership training taught me that "to be a good leader; you must also be a good follower." Not everyone is cut out for leading, and that's okay. Others should be leaders and have not realized their potential, and that's okay too. When placed in positions of responsibility, the leaders are often berated and criticized for the way they perform their appointed duties by people who should be giving support and I've seen far too many people quit their appointed duties when the going got tough. This, perhaps, hurts the Lodge more than any other single thing. Why did they quit?: Micromanagement and thin skin. By quitting they do nothing to benefit Masonry, and they give power to those that should be supporting and mentoring. Micromanaging is not mentoring no matter how well intentioned it might be.

I was told recently that we should just go dark in the summer because everyone else does. This is not true, at least not in Cochise County. Further, other organizations that do go dark have problems with many of their administrative requirements during that time, and we are far busier than they.

The solution to most of our problems comes down to two basic ideas: Money and people. Money is obviously required to make repairs to our building. We have most of what we need to get a couple of the bigger projects accomplished. Over time, we will do fund raisers to get other projects started. People are the back bone of all that we do. Without people, nothing happens. If we have more people, the work can be spread across more people, so the amount of work any one person does is reduced. Additionally, with more people, more projects get done. Both of these will require upfront effort. It's like investing. A little effort upfront on our part for the hope of a big dividend later.

There are other issues and concepts which I will state, but not elaborate on for various reasons: Lead, follow, or get out of the way; the ballot box is no place to exercise a personal grudge; pride goes before a fall; remember your compass; use the trowel; serve; Help me Brother, or get out of my way.

I understand that most people will look at this article and see the negative. They will say that I should not say these things. They will counsel me to speak softer, and understand that our more experienced Masons will not change, and that I am pushing them away. My reply is that these things NEED to be said. Many of us hide behind our civility and fail to accomplish our work.

## **Lodge projects**

As everyone may have noticed, we have yet to start the work to upgrade and repair our electric in the building, as well as install the new air conditioners and heaters. This is due to an unexpected requirement by the city. Given the scope of the job, it was apparently not expected that we would need wiring schematics. Unfortunate, we do need them.

In the mean time, the temple management board has added a few more band aids to the swamp coolers so we may have at least a little air circulating the building. Of course, being monsoon season, swamp coolers don't work very well.

Here is the latest update from Bro. Fred:

As of now I have only this update. The draftsmen will begin a drawing that when finished will be sent off to the engineers for their pricing, scheduling, and evaluation.

"For what it's worth the draftsman agrees with me that it should be a fairly small project for all of them. Getting the drawings to the engineers should be done by next week and shortly after that we should get their time and cost estimates for the project." Thank You Fred

## Cochise Scottish Rite And Huachuca Shrine Club



### Bro Tom Jones

Hello my Brothers, Nobels and friends. For a time of the year that's is usually dark for most Masonic groups, it was pretty busy indeed. Degrees put on by all the Lodges and also a few opened on the Lodge of Sorrow.

Our Cochise Scottish Rite President Ill George Timmons passed away, also Nobel George Mason and Brother Chuck Anderson, KCCH.

The Scottish Rite Club had a good meeting, with the Knights of St Andrew serving breakfast. We talked about the degrees that we would do for the Fall Class Union, Nov 6-7, 2009. Looks like the 13<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> degrees are planned.

The Huachuca Shrine Club will meet Sept 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hwy 92 Café at 5:30. But as you know the Club was very busy with the annual picnic, had a great turn out.

Until the next newsletter, hope we all travel safely.

Fraternally,  
Tom Jones



## From the South

### Bro. Phillip Shulsky

...and now back to the positive...

As the pictures on the next page show, we are growing. Not just for the sake of growing, but with quality in view. These men you see are energetic, and are the future of Freemasonry.

Since my station is a pillar of beauty, I will attempt to give an update on our AC/Heater/Electric situation.

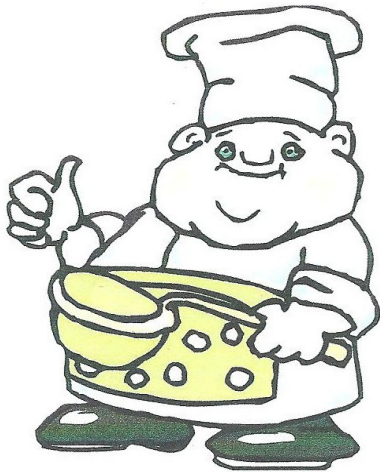
The contractors went to the city to file the building permits and were told that schematics of the electrical box needed to be drawn up. Apparently for this size of job, that requirement was not expected. The electrical upgrade must happen first so that we have power available to run the heating and cooling units, once installed. Bro. Fred Sandlin is working the issue, and it should be resolved soon. In any event, the funds to complete both projects are in hand, but we may be looking at September or October now. More to follow as details become known.

Looking ahead to future projects, there seems to be a leak in the roof above the Northwest wall of the Hegge Lodge room which will need to be address before major damage occurs. Additionally, the kitchen could use an upgrade, specifically the stoves and refrigerators. It is my intent over the next couple years to bring our kitchen facility up to health codes so that we can legally hold public functions. This will include everything from food handler permits to sanitation. IAs if that weren't enough, the rain last week pooled in front of our door and leaked in, plus we seem to have some seepage through or under the foundation. So more work remains.

# Calendar of Events for August 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						August 1st  <b>Huachuca Shrine Club Picnic @ Lower garden canyon on Ft. Huachuca @ 11AM</b>  <b>CHIP Event @ Lyons Park in Benson 8AM—Noon</b>
August 2nd	August 3rd  <b>King Solomon #5 Stated Meeting</b> Time: 7PM	August 4th  <b>Campstone #77 Stated Meeting 7PM</b>	August 5th  <b>OES Grand Chapter</b>  <b>Huachuca #53 Stated Meeting</b> Time: Dinner at 6PM; Meeting at 7PM	August 6th  <b>OES Grand Chapter</b>  <b>Perfect Ashlar Lodge #12</b> stated meeting at 7 PM	August 7th  <b>OES Grand Chapter</b>	August 8th  <b>OES Grand Chapter</b>
August 9th	August 10th  <b>Memorial Service for Bro. Chuck Anderson at the VA Cemetery off Buffalo Soldier Trail</b>  <b>Wilcox #10</b> 3rd Degree work for Safford Lodge Dinner at 6PM Degree at 6:45	August 11th  <b>CHIP Event @ St. David 6—8 PM</b>  <b>Mt Moriah Lodge #19</b> stated meeting at 7 PM	August 12th  <b>Huachuca #53</b> Open Lodge 5—8 PM	August 13th  <b>Wilcox #10 Stated Meeting</b> Time: 7PM	August 14th	August 15th
August 16th	August 17th	August 18th  <b>Adoniram Council #14,</b> Cryptic Masons stated meeting at 7 PM	August 19th  <b>Huachuca #53</b> Open Lodge 5—8 PM	August 20th  <b>Coronado Chap #20,</b> Royal Arch Masons stated meeting at 7 PM	August 21st  <b>George W. Prioleau Lodge #13</b> Stated Meeting at 7PM	August 22nd
August 23rd	August 24th  <b>San Pedro Lodge #55</b> stated meeting at 7 PM	August 25th  <b>Burning Taper Commandery #15,</b> Knights Templar stated Meeting at 7PM	August 26th  <b>Huachuca #53</b> Open Lodge 5—8 PM  <b>CHIP Training Huachuca #53 5:00—7PM</b>	August 27th	August 28th	August 29th  <b>Memorial Service for WB George Mason 11AM at Huachuca #53</b>

A special invitation from K of C Council 10799, OLM, end of Yaqui



**KC Mason Night**  
48th year. A fund  
raiser for local  
charities.

**Thursday October 22,09, 6:30 PM**  
**OLM, Yauqui St.**

Stag steak dinner and all the trimmings prepared by Master Chef Jose and his staff. Free beer. A night of fun and fellowship. Prior to the conclusion of the festivities a determination will be made as to which charity(s) the proceeds of the fines will go .Suggestions taken from the floor.

Call Don Mayer for more information, reservations and directions 378-3181. Masons call or see Bob Frampton (The Ace Man).

We are looking forward to a very special event. Remember its all free, bring a few dollars for fines. Your male guest are welcome.