



Huachuca Lodge #53



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From The East

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Pre-season baseball schedule

WM Matt Covel

My name is Matthew Covel. I was born in Riverside California on May 20th 1980. I began my Masonic journey after extensive research into organizations that met my needs. After joining and receiving my degrees, I found this organization to be complimentary to my ideals and wanted to assist the craft in it's growth.

I am a young member and a young Mason. My Initiation was May 10th 2006, Passed July 19th and I was Raised August 30th of 2006. I am part of the new generation of men with an interest in our Craft.

In the course of my development I have found a great many things that I am proud of as well as some things which need correction. I began the journey through the Chairs, filled the needs of the Lodge when asked, have done my best to promote the development of our craft and to learn as much as I can.

So now, I have been chosen as the Worshipful Master of this fine lodge, and it is my intention to continue to do my very best to act and peruse what I believe is in the best interest of the lodge. This is a rough and rugged road, but it is my belief that if those who begin to disagree simply made good use of the attentive ear, that the improvement of the lodge would not be hindered.

There are things in the future that I am certain will cause disagreement. I have a belief in doing what is necessary to carry on our traditions into the future, and I believe that if minor changes do not occur, that the prosperity and future of our lodge will be at stake.

I have been called many things in my life. Most of them addressing character flaws. I have a specific way of doing things and usually people who know me eventually learn to appreciate it. Those who do not know me usually consider me condescending, caustic and mean. I am not necessarily these things but, I am direct in my way and I usually all around me have a complete understanding of my views.

Because of my way and my intentions, I ask of each of you who read this to listen from an objective stand-point and approach the issues this year from a place of neutrality.

Freemasonry is many things. It is a Guy's Club, a social club, a charitable organization, a self improvement program, and a fellowship. These are important attributes, but, Freemasonry is also a Spiritual Tradition founded on a strict system of Moral belief, maintained by the continual adherence to it's principles. And the only way to keep Freemasonry alive is to promote it's foundation.

We as a Lodge can enjoy Masonry through all of it's attributes, but we must take care of it's Traditions.

To start, there simply are some things that must be addressed and they are as follows:

Dress Code. There will be no Shorts and no Sandals in a Tyled lodge. Brothers in shorts and or sandals will not be permitted in the Lodge room. Slacks are recommended. Jacket and Tie are encouraged for Degrees. I ask the Officers of the Lodge to set the example.

Cursing. Everyone curses, but there will be no cursing at a Brother or out of anger in a tyled lodge. Offending Brothers will be removed.

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Masonic Losses

I hope to keep this new column up to date. If we are truly brothers, than the loss of one effects us all. If you know of a Brother who has passed, please forward his obituary information to me so I can include it here.

I am not aware of any Masonic losses during the past month. If I am incorrect, please forward me any information you have and I will publish it in the next Trestle Board.

Secretary's Corner

Bro Tim Dilts

As listed in last months Trestle Board, Lodge dues and due. For those who have not sent in their dues for 2009, please do so. The current dues are \$85.00

Timothy Dilts
Lodge Secretary

Fund Raisers

The fund raising committee has raised \$620.00 so far.

\$535.00 from the Pancake Breakfast on 1 Nov 2008
\$85.00 from the 50/50 drawings

We have an incredible opportunity to raise a significant amount of money during the months of February and March. The Tucson Scottish Rite has again obtained the opportunity to run snack stands at Tucson Electric Park during pre-season baseball. Each Masonic organization who participates will receive a proportional share of the profits. Last year resulted in a total profit of \$17,000.00 split proportionally among the Lodges who participated.

The key to success in this event is getting as many people as possible to participate as often as possible. The more we attend, the more we can make. It is not unreasonable to expect to make as much as \$3,000.00—\$4,000.00, if we get a continuous showing from our members.

There are a total of 18 games spread over 5 weeks. A full listing of the scheduled games can be found in this Trestle Board. Please, PLEASE assist where you can.

A roster of volunteers, with the dates they are available is due to the Tucson Scottish Rite no latter than 31 January 2009. They will make the final schedule and let me know what our days and times are. I will then let our volunteers know.

A rose by any other name is not the same!

I recently returned my proficiency in the lecture of one of the degrees. In doing so, I inadvertently, permanently, separated myself from any Brother who had ever, EVER, been suspended from the Lodge. I did this by replacing just ONE WORD in my obligation. The word should have been "IS" but I said "HAS BEEN".

WB Wagener made a quick correction on my choice of words. I didn't realize what had happened until he did. I don't know at what point I switched words, but I practiced it just the way I returned it.

I bring this up for just one reason. As we practice the ritual of our craft we must realize that each and every word is chosen to make a certain point. Replacing a word with another we THINK means the same COULD change the meaning/intent of the ritual. So when you practice, focus on getting each and every word correct. I future candidate will thank you for it.

From the West

Bro Harry Brown

The following article was found at: http://www.phoenixmasonry.org/are_you_a_master_mason.htm

"I have been a Mason for a year now," remarked the young Brother to the Old Past Master. "While I find a great deal in Masonry to enjoy and like the fellows and all that, I am more or less in the dark as to what good Masonry really is in the world. I don't mean I can't appreciate its charity or its fellowship, but it seems to me that I don't get much out of it. I can't really see why it has any function outside of the relationship we enjoy in the Lodge and the charitable acts we do."

"I think I could win an argument about you," smiled the Past Master.

"An argument about me?"

"Yes. You say you have been a Master Mason for a year. I think I could prove to the satisfaction of a jury of your peers, who would not need to be Master Masons, that while you are a Lodge member in good standing, you are not a Master Mason."

"I don't think I quite understand," puzzled the Young Mason. "I was quite surely initiated, passed, and raised. I have my certificate and my good standing card. I attend Lodge regularly. I do what work I am assigned. If that isn't being a Master Mason, what is?"

"You have the body but not the spirit," retorted the Old Past Master. "You eat the husks and disregard the kernel. You know the ritual and fail to understand its meaning. You carry the documents, but for you they attest but an empty form. You do not understand the first underlying principle, which makes Masonry the great force she is. And yet, in spite of it, you enjoy her blessings, which is one of her miracles. A man may love and profit by what he does not comprehend."

"I just don't understand you at all. I am sure I am a good Mason."

"No man is a good Mason who thinks the Fraternity has no function beyond pleasant association in the Lodge and charity. There are thousands of Masons who seldom see the inside of a Lodge and, therefore, miss the fellowship. There are thousands who never need or support her charity and so never come in contact with one of its many features. Yet these may take freely and largely from the treasure house which is Masonry.

"Masonry, my young friend, is an opportunity. It gives a man a chance to do and to be, among the world of men, something he otherwise could not attain. No man kneels at the altar of Masonry and rises again the same man. At the altar something is taken from him never to be returned, his feelings of living for himself alone. Be he ever so selfish, ever so self-centered, ever so much an individualist, at the altar he leaves behind him some of the dross of his purely profane make-up.

"No man kneels at the altar of Masonry and rises the same man because, in the place where the dross and selfish were, is put a little of the most Divine spark which men may see. Where was the self-interest is put an interest in others. Where was the egotism is put love for one's fellow man. You say that the Fraternity has no function.' Man, the Fraternity performs the greatest function of any institution at work among men in that it provides a common meeting ground where all of us be our creed, our social position, our wealth, our ideas, our station in life what they may, may meet and understand one another.

"What caused the Civil War? Failure of one people to understand another and an inequality of men which this country could not endure. What caused the Great War? Class hatred. What is the greatest leveler of class in the world? Masonry. Where is the only place in which a capitalist and laborer, socialist and democrat, fundamentalist and modernist, Jew and Gentile, sophisticated and simple alike meet and forget their differences? In a Masonic Lodge, through the influence of Masonry.

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From the West (continued)

Bro Harry Brown

"Masonry, which opens her portals to men because they are men, not because they are wealthy or wise or foolish or great or small but because they seek the brotherhood which only she can give.

"Masonry has no function? Why, son, the function of charity, great as it is, is the least of the things Masonry does. The fellowship in the Lodge, beautiful as it is, is at best not much more than one can get in any good club, association, or organization. These are the beauties of Masonry, but they are also beauties of other organizations. The great fundamental beauty of Masonry is all her own. She, and only she, stretches a kindly and loving hand around the world, uniting millions in a bond too strong for breaking. Time has demonstrated that Masonry is too strong for war, too strong for hate, too strong for jealousy and fear. The worst of men have used the strongest of means and have but pushed Masonry to one side for the moment; not all their efforts have broken her, or ever will!

"Masonry gives us all a chance to do and to be; to do a little, however humble the part, in making the world better; to be a little larger, a little fuller in our lives, a little nearer to the G.A.O.T.U. And unless a man understands this, believes it, takes it to his heart, and lives it in his daily life, and strives to show it forth to others in his every act unless he live and love and labor in his Masonry. I say he is no Master Mason; aye, though he belong to all Rites and carry all cards, though he be hung as a Christmas tree with jewels and pins, though he be an officer in all Bodies. But the man who has it in his heart and sees in Masonry the chance to be in reality what he has sworn he would be, a brother to his fellow Masons, is a Master Mason though he be raised but tonight, belongs to no body but his Blue Lodge, and be too poor to buy and wear a single pin."

The Young Brother, looking down, unfastened the emblem from his coat lapel and handed it to the Old Past Master. "Of course, you are right," he said, lowly. "Here is my pin. Don't give it back to me until you think I am worthy to wear it."

The Old Past Master smiled. "I think you would better put it back now," he answered gently. "None are more fit to wear the Square and Compasses than those who know themselves unworthy, for they are those who strive to be real Masons.

Bet you didn't know...



WB Andy Anderson

Our Fraternity throughout the ages has revered labor and charges its members to labor to build spiritual Temples throughout their Masonic lives. Labor is central while focusing on all our degrees and activities. It is easy to define labor as the act of performing specific duties or the exertion of physical or mental effort.

Time, and time again, our Fraternity explains that operative Masons labored to build a building physically or materially, while the speculative Mason labors to build a Temple mentally or spiritually. The ancient Masons physically worked while the more recent Masons mentally worked, so what is to be learned?

First, we should understand that when a Lodge is between its opening and closing, it is "at labor" or "at refreshments".

Second, labor involves more than merely exertion or effort. It expects the exertion to involve difficulty, challenge, or compulsory activities.

Finally, a Brother must appreciate the importance of the internal aspect of his Temple and how important his conformity to the moral law is to the Fraternity.

Spreading the cement of Brotherly Love, affection, and happiness must be a constant goal of his labor, as it is for the Fraternity.

From the South

Bro. Phillip Shulsky

Happy New Year!

This time of year many people set resolutions or goals which they hope to obtain over the year. I have a few I hope you will consider.

First, consider the Masonic wages you earn. Are you taking advantage of them? Are you nourishing your body, mind and soul? Are you taking time for refreshment? Do you have happiness in your life? If you answer NO to any of these, it may be time for reflection and per-

haps change.

Second, I ask that each of you make an effort to bring one Brother who usually doesn't attend Lodge, back. This may include providing a ride to and from Lodge.

Third, I think that each of us probably knows someone who is not a Mason, but should be. I ask that each of you bring one new (worthy) man to our fraternity.

Last, and perhaps most important, I ask that each of you maintain contact with all of our Masonic family. In these hard

times, help will be required, but perhaps not asked for. We should offer to lend a hand where we know its needed.

Now, like never before, our Brotherhood needs to repair the cracks in the cement of Brotherly love and affection. Only by strengthening our fraternity will we be able withstand the hard economic times ahead.



Dates of Pre-season baseball games

Here are the dates of the fund raising, pre-season, baseball games:

Feb 27th (Friday)
 Feb 28th (Saturday)
 Mar 1st (Sunday)
 Mar 4th (Wednesday)
 Mar 6th (Friday)
 Mar 7th (Saturday)
 Mar 9th (Monday)
 Mar 13th (Friday)
 Mar 15th (Sunday)
 Mar 16th (Monday)
 Mar 18th (Wednesday)
 Mar 21st (Saturday)
 Mar 24th (Tuesday)
 Mar 27th (Friday)
 Mar 28th (Saturday)
 Mar 29th (Sunday)
 Mar 31st (Tuesday)
 Apr 2nd (Thursday)

We really need your help and support in working as many of these games as possible. I don't expect that the weekend games will be difficult, it's the week day games I'm worried about.

Everyone also needs to understand that we will be placed on a roster with people from other lodges. If everyone is asking for the weekend games, some will not be put on the roster so that others have the same opportunity.

If your able to help please do so. We may be able to cover as much as half of the money required for the replacement of the heating and cooling with this effort.

From the East (continued)

Food. If you bring candy in to this room, make it quiet candy. Noisy candy will be confiscated.

Ritual. If the candidate knows the you are screwing around, you just ruined his degree. In the sections where there is to be silence. There needs to be silence. This will be addressed more specifically in Lodge.

We have many books, and charges that address conduct while in the lodge. These requests are not unreasonable and comply with standards set forth by our Craft.

As the Master, I will not allow disrespectful actions to occur in Lodge. Nor, will I allow the Sanctity of our ritual to be marred by a lack of seriousness.

The bottom line is that we need to dress it up a little. Take our work a little more seriously, and make the Formality of Huachuca 53 a point of pride. The only way to do this is to start making some rules and enforcing them. I do not believe that it is unreasonable to request some changes and I believe that some of these changes will be appreciated by our membership.

If you, as a member of Huachuca 53 disagree with or dislike my way of doing business, let me know and it will be addressed. The Master before me had his way. The Master who follows me may have a different way, but this is my way.

More to come in the following articles from the East.

St. Johns day

I had the pleasure this Holiday to have my Father and my younger Brother as guests at the Covell household. My father is a Master Mason who has visited our lodge several times. My younger Brother is an Entered Apprentice who has not been so privileged. Their Lodge in California does not permit EAs and FCs to attend their Stated meetings, so he has not been to Lodge since his EA Degree.

Fortunately, our Brothers at Perfect Ashlar #12 decided to host a St. Johns Lodge on the 27th. (St. Johns day)

It was a beautiful, chilly, day for a drive into the only section of Cochise county that seems to never really look like the "Wild West", especially when blanketed in snow. We then parked and hiked up Main Street to the lodge building and joined with our Brothers in the Observation of St. Johns Day.

I will refrain from a recapitulation the educational talk, but will say that if you missed it, you missed out.

We opened Lodge on the First Degree and then received an excellent education on the history relating to the day and the use of Patron Saints in organizations. A great time of fellowship was had by all and it was agreed that this sort of education is paramount to the survival of the craft.

My Father truly enjoyed the trip and the day and was thrilled to attend Lodge with his sons. My Brother was impressed by the fellowship and instant friendship which we demonstrate so well. He was also thrilled to get to sit in Lodge as it was his first experience since his initiation.

I was greatly impressed by the trip, the tour of the building and as always by the use of education to bring Brothers together in Lodge. Our Degrees focus on self improvement and steps of higher education yet it seems that education on our craft is slipping away. Bisbee is bringing it back and I am thrilled.

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		

More LIGHT from the East!

The fraternity of Freemasonry, also known as "Free and Accepted Masons," is organized by private groups of members variously known in English as lodges, chapters, councils, commanderies, consistories, etc., which can be collectively referred to as "Masonic bodies".

The basic Masonic body is the "Masonic lodge", which alone can make a Mason, and confers the first three degrees in Masonry, being that of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason.

Whilst there is no degree in Freemasonry higher than that of Master Mason, there are a number of related organizations which have as a prerequisite to joining that one be a Master Mason, such as the Scottish Rite and the York Rite.

Additionally, there are also organizations affiliated with Freemasonry that admit both Master Masons and non-Masons who have some relation to a Master Mason, such as the Order of the Eastern Star and the Order of the Amaranth. Still other affiliated organizations like the Order of DeMolay and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls admit non-Masons and have no requirement that an applicant be related to a Master Mason.

The Order of the Eastern Star is the largest fraternal organization in the world that both men and women can join. It was established in 1850 by Rob Morris, a lawyer and educator from Boston, Massachusetts who had been an official with the Freemasons. It is based on teachings from the Bible,[1] but is open to people of all monotheistic faiths. It has approximately 10,000 chapters in twenty countries and approximately one million members under its General Grand Chapter. Members of the Order are aged 18 and older; men must be Master Masons and women must have specific relationships with Masons.

The Order was created by Rob Morris in 1850 when, while confined by illness, he set down the principles of the order in his Rosary of the Eastern Star. By 1855, he had organized a "Supreme Constellation" in New York, which chartered chapters throughout the United States. In 1866, Dr. Morris started working with Robert Macoy, and handed the Order over to him while Morris was traveling in the Holy Land. Macoy organized the current system of Chapters, and modified Dr. Morris' Rosary into a Ritual. Alpha Chapter, No. 1, of New York, is the first chapter of the Eastern Star ever organized as a chapter and it is still in existence, having been active from the time of its date of charter to the present.

Order of the Amaranth is a Masonic-affiliated women's organization founded in 1873. As in the Order of the Eastern Star, members of the Order must be age 18 and older; men must be Master Masons; and women must be related to Masons. Amaranth was based on Queen Christina of Sweden's court. Christina had created the "Order of the Amarantha" for the ladies and knights of her court. In 1860, James B. Taylor of Newark, New Jersey drew upon this order to create a new fraternal society. In 1873, Rob Macoy organized Taylor's society into the Order of the Amaranth, part of a proposed Adoptive Rite of Masonry. Eastern Star was to be the first degree, and until 1921, Amaranth members were required to join Eastern Star first.

The term York Rite is a term most often used in the United States of America to refer to a collection of Masonic degrees that, in most other countries, are conferred separately. As such, it constitutes one of the two main branches of Masonic Appendant Bodies in United States Freemasonry, which a Master Mason may join to further his knowledge of Freemasonry. Its name is derived from the city of York, where, according to a Masonic legend, the first meetings of Masons in England took place, although only the lectures of the York Rite College make reference to that legend.

The divisions within the York Rite and the requirements for membership differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, but the essentials are the same. In all the workings, the one requirement is that all applicants be in possession of the degree of Master Mason (the third degree of Freemasonry).

The York Rite is not found as a single system in the majority of countries outside the United States, nor are any of the separate degrees subject to the local Grand Lodge jurisdiction. Each sovereign and distinct rite or "Order" elsewhere has some differences in ritual details to the York Rite system. However, provided that the Grand Lodge in question regards the parent "Craft" jurisdiction as regular, each distinct Order has recognized fraternal inter-relations with the respective Rite within the York system.

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More LIGHT from the East! (continued)

The York Rite in the United States is actually a grouping of separate Rites joined in order, namely the Capitular Rite, or Royal Arch Masons (General Grand Chapter - Royal Arch Masons International), the Cryptic Rite, or Cryptic Masons (General Grand Council - Cryptic Masons International) and the Chivalric Orders, or Knights Templar (Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America).

The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry (the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in the United States often omits the and), commonly known as simply the Scottish Rite, is one of several Rites of the worldwide fraternity known as Freemasonry. A Rite is a series of progressive degrees that are conferred by various Masonic organizations or bodies, each of which operates under the control of its own central authority. In the Scottish Rite the central authority is called a Supreme Council.

The thirty-three degrees of the Scottish Rite are conferred by several controlling bodies. The first of these is the Craft Lodge which confers the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason degrees. Craft lodges operate under the authority of Grand Lodges, not the Scottish Rite. Although most lodges throughout the English-speaking world do not confer the Scottish Rite versions of the first three degrees, there are a handful of lodges in New Orleans and in several other major cities that have traditionally conferred the Scottish Rite version of these degrees.

The Scottish Rite is one of the appendant bodies of Freemasonry that a Master Mason may join for further exposure to the principles of Freemasonry. In England and some other countries, while the Scottish Rite is not accorded official recognition by the Grand Lodge, there is no prohibition against a Freemason electing to join it. In the United States, however, the Scottish Rite is officially recognized by Grand Lodges as an extension of the degrees of Freemasonry. The Scottish Rite builds upon the ethical teachings and philosophy offered in the craft lodge, or Blue Lodge, through dramatic presentation of the individual degrees.

The Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, commonly known as Shriners and abbreviated A.A.O.N.M.S., established in 1870 is an appendant body to Freemasonry based in the United States. In 1870, there were several thousand Masons in Manhattan, many of whom lunched at the Knickerbocker Cottage at a special table on the second floor. There, the idea of a new fraternity for Masons stressing fun and fellowship was discussed. Dr. Walter M. Fleming, M.D., and William J. Florence took the idea seriously enough to act upon it.

The group adopted a Middle Eastern theme and soon established Temples meeting in Mosques (though the term Temple has now generally been replaced by Shrine Auditorium or Shrine Center). The first Temple established was Mecca Temple (now known as Mecca Shriners), established at the New York City Masonic Hall on September 26, 1872. Fleming was the first Potentate.

Despite its theme, the Shrine is in no way connected to Islam. It is a men's fraternity rather than a religion or religious group. Its only religious requirement is indirect: all Shriners must be Masons, and petitioners to Freemasonry must profess a belief in a Supreme Being. In order to further minimize any confusion with religion, the use of the word "Temple" to describe Shriners' buildings has now been replaced by the phrase "Shrine Center," although individual local chapters are still called "Temples."

High Twelve International is over 75 years old. It was founded in Sioux City, Iowa, on May 17, 1921 by E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott. It is an organization of Master Masons who support Masonic causes with special emphasis on youth and patriotic events. There are approximately 21,000 members in 350 clubs nationwide and in foreign countries.

High Twelve is non-political and non-sectarian and is composed of Master Masons who have a keen interest in the welfare of humankind and take an interest in civic affairs.

High Twelve members, as Master Masons, seek to serve civic, patriotic and humanitarian causes and institutions through fellowship, interesting programs and projects. It affords valuable assistance to the Blue Lodges in whatever manner is judged most needed. High Twelve is active in the community where each Club holds its meetings and in the State where the several Clubs are banded together in common purpose. High Twelvians adhere strictly to Masonic Law of that Jurisdiction.

Each of the Organizations that meet in Huachuca Lodge #53 have an interesting history and purpose. It is of interest to note that each of them were "born" from the Blue Lodge and yet have in their own way a uniqueness. While they remember their origin we can look to future endeavors in their ranks. As such we must support them as they support us and, to that end, hope to promote and prosper with each other.



Electa Chapter #51 Order of the Eastern Star

Happy New Year! Wishing everyone a joyous and prosperous new year. As editor of the Electa Chapter Newsletter I would like to congratulate Phillip Shulsky on his Trestleboard and thank him for allowing the Star to contribute to it. It is a wonderful newsletter and a good way to get information out to community.

Electa Chapter would like to welcome it's two newest members to the community. Welcome sister Mae and Roberta. It is nice to have you officially part of our Chapter. Electa Chapter just recently had it's annual Friendship Night on the 18th of December. It was quite an event and very successful. There was a wonderful meal before the meeting and the Chapter room was full of sideliners. Even with the appropriate amount of full bellies, the meeting was quite lively. I have to applaud the ritual work. The ritual work was exceptional and quite beautiful.

Electa Chapter has some special events that I would like to put out the community:

On the 1st of the Year there will be a stated meeting with a renewal of the obligation.

On Saturday, January 17th Electa Chapter #51, OES will be hosting a Masonic Family day at Huachuca Lodge #53 at 12PM. It is open to all, including friends and anyone you would like to introduce to our Masonic Family. There will be finger food and drink with presentations by both the Blue Lodge and the Star. Come join us for food, fellowship, raffles, and Masonic Education. Help support our Worthy Matron's Charity by bringing a dry good for the local food bank. A 50/50 raffle will be held. Proceeds will go to Electa Chapter's Scholarship Fund.

Upcoming Events:

1 January, 7:30PM – Stated Meeting (Renewal of Obligation)
 15 January, 7:30PM – Stated Meeting
 17 January, 12:00PM – Masonic Family Day
 5 February, 7:30PM – Stated Meeting
 18 February, 7:30PM – Stated Meeting
 5 March, 7:30PM – Stated Meeting
 6 March – Grand Chapter Official Visit
 8 March – High Tea
 19 March – Stated Meeting

Tanya L. Covell
 Electa Chapter #51 OES
 Esther, Newsletter Editor

Editor's note:

It is an honor to post an article from another Masonic activity. I've desired this from the beginning and now, after 4 months (issues) its finally happening. Thanks Tanya for the first of what I hope will be many articles. Anyone else care to share their organizations information.

Bro. Phillip Shulsky

Calendar of Events for January 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Jan 1st Electa Chap #51 OES Time: 7:30PM	Jan 2nd	Jan 3rd
Jan 4th	Jan 5th King Solomon #5 Stated Meeting Time: 7PM	Jan 6th Campstone #77 MM Degree 7PM Pearl of Venus #6 OES Time: 2PM Place: Bisbee	Jan 7th Huachuca #53 Stated Meeting Time: Dinner at 6PM; Meeting at 7PM	Jan 8th Wilcox #10 Stated Meeting Time: 7PM Perfect Ashlar #12 Stated Meeting Time: 7PM	Jan 9th Cochise High 12 Club Time: 5:30PM	Jan 10th Grand Lodge Family Session in Phoenix Nogales Installation of Officers
Jan 11th	Jan 12th	Jan 13th Mt. Moriah #19 Stated Meeting Time: 7PM	Jan 14th Huachuca Lodge #53 Open lodge from 5:30 to 8PM	Jan 15th Electa Chap #51 OES Time: 7PM	Jan 16th	Jan 17th Electa Chap #51 OES Masonic Family Day 12PM Huachuca Shrine Club at 5:30PM at Mandela Restaurant Cochise Scottish Rite Club meeting at 7AM at Huachuca #53
Jan 18th	Jan 19th Chiricahua Court #15 Amaranth Stated Meeting Time: 7:30PM	Jan 20th Pearl of Venus Chap #6 OES Time: 2PM Adoniram Council #14 Cryptic Masons 7:00PM Coronado Chap #20 Royal Arch Masons 7:00PM	Jan 21st Huachuca Lodge #53 Open lodge from 5:30 to 8PM	Jan 22nd Lodge of Perfection Tucson Scottish Rite Time: Carpool from Huachuca #53 at 5PM	Jan 23rd	Jan 24th
Jan 25th	Jan 26th San Pedro #55 Stated Meeting Time: 7PM	Jan 27th Burning Taper #15 Knights Templar Time: 7:30PM	Jan 28th Huachuca Lodge #53 Open lodge from 5:30 to 8PM	Jan 29th	Jan 30th	Jan 31st AZ Grand Lodge Leadership Conference in Tucson