



Huachuca Lodge #53



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From the East

WM Matt Covell

Well Brothers, here we begin the month of July.

Let us start by discussing Grand Lodge. Although the event was enjoyable, not much in terms of legislation was accomplished. There were multiple pieces of legislation regarding "qualification" and the need for the Master to know a lecture. Some wanted to remove the requirement some wanted to change the requirement to a Lodge qualification. In the end, nothing changed. There were some administrative changes to the AMC for clarification purposes. These passed, but have no direct effect on our Lodge.

The Grand Master's decision regarding guns in Lodge was dropped thereby, for now, allowing guns to be brought into Lodges.

Master's Edict Governing Firearms at or in Huachuca Lodge #53:

“There shall be no firearms inside the Hegge or Giacobbi rooms of Huachuca Lodge #53 unless carried as a service sidearm by a member of a City, County, State, or Government Occupation which requires the carrying of such. (Police, Border Patrol, etc) Violation of this edict will result in the taking of unfortunate actions against the offending member.” As I said at the Stated meeting in June... "Check it at the door."

I have no doubt that our New Grand Master will also make a statement regarding firearms at some point in the near future.

On that note, we must all congratulate Most Worshipful Brother Michael T. Bishop, Grand Master of Masons in Arizona. He is a member of Campstone #77 here in Cochise County and I truly look forward to his year.

So with the administrative business of Grand Lodge out of the way and having recovered from the long journey, my Wardens, Secretary and I jumped directly back into the full schedule of business at our Lodge.

We had an Entered Apprentice Degree on the 10th, a Fellowcraft Degree on the 17th, and a Master Mason Degree on the 24th. Some of our "newer" and "younger" Masons also met with Brother Richard McNeil, Senior Grand Deacon, on the 13th to discuss the future of Masonry and the interests of the newer/younger Masons in the fraternity. Then on the 27th several of our motivated Brothers met at the Lodge to vacuum, sweep, mop, and buff the floors as well as clean-up the kitchen areas and perform some basic maintenance on our building. Resulting from this we have some new ideas and plans for the pictures on the walls and placement of some of our furniture. **(Continued on Page 4)**

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Masonic Losses — Collected by Bro. Gene Bull

Clyde Earl Davis (May 1, 1931 - June 12, 2009)

Clyde Earl Davis was born in Landis, N.C., on May 1, 1931, to Sidney and Theresia Davis.

From modest beginnings, to dirt walls and floors, through the wide open skies of the USAF, to the elegance of the luxury cruise ships, he did it all with class and style.

Clyde took his final journey June 12, 2009.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Brad; sisters, Eleanor and Maize; brothers, Mac and Bill.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Margaret; daughters, Terri (Jim) and Karla; granddaughter, Raelene; grandsons, Michael and Matthew; and great-grandson, Nathan; sisters, Ethyl and Susie; brothers, Ralph and David, as well as many other family and friends.

A celebration of Clyde's life will be held at the White Stallion Guest Ranch in Tucson, 9251 W. Twin Peaks Road, on June 27, 2009, at 7 p.m. Call Terri at 404-3948 for directions.

Ret. U.S. Army Col. Ralph Rene Godwin (June 13, 2009)

Ret. U.S. Army Col. Ralph Rene Godwin, 82, died June 13, 2009. He had lived in Sierra Vista, Ariz., since 2002 and previously had lived in the area from 1969-1972.

Ralph was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and joined the U.S. Army at the age of 17. He fought in the European campaign during World War II, including the Battle of the Bulge. Ralph married his wife of 63 years, Alice Mae Pretzer, in 1947. He became an officer in 1949 and attended the Army Language School the same year.

Ralph and his family have lived all over the United States including Alaska, Nevada, Maryland and Ohio. His military assignments took him to: Salzburg, Austria, 1950-54; the Pentagon, 1954-58; Korea, 1959; Baltimore, Md., 1959-1962; and Fort Huachuca, Ariz., 1969-1972. Ralph retired from the U.S. Army intelligence at Fort Huachuca in 1972. He was the director of counter-intelligence at the Intelligence School.

Ralph was known as "The Colonel" and was awarded many honors for his military service including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and three Army Commendation Medals.

He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1958, obtained a bachelor of economics degree and attended the Graduate Command and General Staff College.

Ralph enjoyed fishing, camping, elder hostels and ocean cruises. He was involved in community organizations as a Master Mason, Shiner, Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star and member of the Elks.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Roma Lenz; father, Norman Alfred Godwin; and brother, Norman Godwin. Ralph is survived by his wife, Alice Godwin of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; sister, Nancy Williamson of Pep, N.M.; sister-in-law, Evelyn Godwin of Cleveland; four sons, Ralph Godwin of Chico, Calif., Marvin Godwin of Clermont, Fla., Paul Godwin of Sierra Vista, and U.S. Army Chaplain (Maj.) William "Ted" Godwin of San Antonio, Texas; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at the Main Post Chapel on Fort Huachuca. His son U.S. Army Chaplain (Maj.) William "Ted" Godwin will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to the Sierra Vista Symphony Orchestra, P.O. Box 895, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636.

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Donald L. Morelock (June 14, 2009)

Donald L. Morelock, a 20-year Tombstone, Ariz., resident, passed away on June 14, 2009. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Jo Ann Morelock.

Donald, or “Big D” as his friends knew him, was born and raised in Lebanon, Mo. He worked for AT&T in Lee’s Summit, Mo., and retired in 1988 after 34 years.

Donald was a member of the Kansas City, Mo., Masons. It was there that he went through all the degrees. Donald continued his membership in Tombstone.

Donald was an avid gun collector and sportsman. He loved to remodel old cars in his younger years. Donald enjoyed conversations and good times with his friends and family.

Donald is survived by his sons, Eric (Tracy) Morelock and Robert Morelock both of Tombstone; grandchildren, Cassandra Morelock of Tombstone and Amanda (Joseph) Akers of St. David, Ariz.; and great-grandchildren, Joseph E. and Erika Akers of St. David. Donald also leaves behind his sister, Joan Wood of Lebanon, Mo.; sister-in-law, Norma Post; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held for Donald at Tombstone Community Congregational Church on Saturday, June 20, 2009, at 10 a.m. with a pot luck meal following at Ringos Bar & Restaurant to celebrate his life.

In lieu of flowers the family asks donations be made to Casa De La Paz hospice or the charity of your choice. Arrangements are by Jensens Sierra Vista Mortuary.

A MEMORIAL TO BROTHER DOUGLAS V. KRAMER

For many of us we probably don't remember this Brother during our time. Brother Douglas Vernon Kramer passed to the Celestial Lodge above on May 24, 2009 in Colorado Springs CO. Bro. Douglas was born January 1, 1914 and initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason on April 19, 1938, Fellowcraft Mason on March 7, 1938 and Master Mason on that exciting day July 11, 1938. He lived in St. David AZ until 1995. RIP my Brother.

From the East (Cont)

June was a busy Month, yet there is more, I also met with Brother Fred Sandlin (SD @ #5) who is coordinating quotes for our Electrical work both inside and outside the building. He has informed me that they are about ready to begin work. Brother Fred also coordinated an additional quote for our heating and cooling and expects it to be as competitive as the other quotes we have received. I also made contact with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and I have been informed that our loan request is in the final stages of approval. If all goes well it means that we can get the heating and cooling done before the end of summer and we will have only suffered through one winter and one summer.

With all of that said, we now enter into July. Monsoon, fireworks, BBQs, and more work. I won't try to list all that is on the Schedule right now, but we do have a public calendar on Google that we will be publishing shortly. Two events however, Master Mason Degree on the 8th, Shrine Club Picnic on August 1st.

Take Care, and know that each of us make up Cochise County Masonry and it is getting better every day.

VFW Community Involvement

Bro. Lindsey Botkin

During the last 5 years as Post Commander of Huachuca City Post 10342 we have been in the ranks as one of the top Post 3 different years out of 86 Post in the State. The State selects 8 post each year to receive All-State Honors and the Post Commander receives a white hat which has on it All State Team and the year. I have received this hat 3 different times 2005-06, 2007-08 and this year 2008-09. This year we have received many awards, we have received numerous Gift certificates from State ranging from \$50.00 to \$100.00 for what we have accomplished in membership.

During this year we have been first in the State, first in our division and first in the Nation in our division in membership. I have received a jacket from the State Commander for being one of the first 5 Post in the State to reach 100% in membership.

This year at our State Convention which was held in Chandler from the 11-13th of June. During our Convention the Post received many certificates for what they had accomplished through out the year. I received as Post Commander Captain of the All-State team which means that the Post was ranked number 1 in the state and I top Post Commander in the State, I received a hat for State-ade-de-Camp for signing 25 new or reinstated members, A Commanders Plaque for reaching 110% in membership before April 30,2009. I still have coming a \$100.00 Gift certificate from State and a National Commanders belt buckle with a \$100.00 gift certificate. At our last district convention I received top Post Commander within the district which has ten post. I have been notified that the Post has also been awarded All-American status and I All-American Post Commander. This is the highest award that can be received from National, there were only two Post in the State to receive this honor. Along with this our Ladies Auxiliary received I believe 14 first place plaques, our President received President of the year within her division and there Treasure received Treasure of the year in the same group.

We had a very successful year and look forward to having another great year this year. I have stepped down as Post Commander and was elected Sr. Vice Commander for our District and will become District Commander 2010-2011. If it were not for our Post members and our Ladies Auxiliary we would not have accomplished what we did this year. I thank all who made this happen. I forgot to mention that our Quartermaster received All-State Quartermaster team and that our Chaplain has written a prayer and is now in the National Chaplain's Hand Book.

I am available to discuss membership or transferring of membership to Post 10342

Sierra Vista York Rite Membership Information

The Colorado River Fall Festival, (degrees), will be October 18, 19, 20, 2009. All necessary information is available at www.crff.org.

Petitions can be obtained from Sierra Vista Your Rite Members. We have to read and vote on the petitions and then request courtesy degree work from Grand.

You should complete and return your petition with \$170 to a York Rite member before our July 21 meetings, preferably.

COCHISE MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB

On June 13 and for the sixth year we Honored all Masons of the Year from Lodges in Cochise County. Attending Masons of the Year were:

King Solomon Lodge #5 Bro Tex Kunz and WB Ralph Hooten
Huachuca Lodge #53 WB Johnnie Wagener
Camp Stone Lodge #77 Bro Emerick Zavatsky

Presiding Masters present from Camp Stone Lodge #77 WM Ralph Hooten

In addition to a very good Mexican lunch we enjoyed each talk by each of the Masons of the Year and their thoughts and feelings about their Lodge and Masonry in general. They are truly Masons to be respected and followed in their high esteem of our ritual and Members of their Lodges. In other items of interest about the Club.

The Annual International High Twelve Convention will be held in Laughlin NV starting June 25 thru 28, 2009. Several Member plus their Ladies will be attending. The Club purchased a half page ad in the International Ad Book in support of High Twelve. The Club also purchased a \$75.00 basket for the graduating Students at Buena H. S. for their all night stay in one place night. The Club will be dark during July and August so the next meeting will be September 11 at the Holiday Village Club House, behind McDonalds on Hwy-92, where we will have bisque cooked by WB Robert Whitney, Hamburgers and hot dogs plus all the trimmings and of course a Special Guest Speaker.

When the Tao is lost, there is goodness.

When goodness is lost, there is morality.

When morality is lost, there is ritual.

**Ritual is the husk of true faith, the beginning
of chaos.**

—Tao Te Ching

From The District Deputy Grand Master of District #9

WB Andy Anderson

For many of us who work in the quarries for years to be selected and appointed as the District Deputy Grand Master it is without a doubt a very high Honor. I accepted the position because of the Lodges and Members who belong to these Lodges who are dedicated Brothers and I felt that I could contribute to enhance the organization especially the Elected Officers. Some of the duties of the District Deputy Grand Master are that this appointee is the direct representative of the current Most Worshipful Grand Master Michael T. Bishop. Additionally, the District Deputy Grand Master is a one year appointment, he attends all Grand Lodge meetings throughout the year, he attends Lodge meetings in his district at least once each month, he must be thoroughly familiar with the Arizona Masonic Code, he immediately notifies the Grand Master of Lodge Officers resignations or personnel and administrative problems in the Lodges in his designated district, promote Masonic education and training, validate award submissions, work closely with the DDGL, hold meetings with Lodge Officers and Members, and with permission from the Lodge Master attends officer and trustee meetings for Lodges assigned. This is a short list of duties assigned to the District Deputy Grand Master in district #9. Knowing this I want all to know that I am available to assist Lodges with the administration of the Lodge and to brief the Grand Master on issues that the Lodge Officers may have. District #9 includes King Solomon Lodge #5, Perfect Ashlar Lodge #12, Huachuca Lodge #53 and Camp Stone Lodge #77.

ARE WORKING TOOLS IMPORTANT (Part 4 of 4)

WB Andy Anderson

The Square and Compass are perhaps the oldest, most significant and the most universal symbols of Masonry. Nearly everywhere that they appear together, whether it be on the Holy Bible in open Lodge or as a part of the label button on the newly created Mason. Volumes have been written on this interlock symbol; each tool, however, has its own unique significance and properties which should appeal to Masons. The Holy Bible and the Square - how often you have seen these two together, not only in the Blue Lodge but in the several rites of Masonry! are closely associated for a very special reason. They are important symbols of that moral law upon which human life must rest if it is to continue. When one forgets the simple Law of the Square, whether it be in things material or spiritual, it does not take a prophet to foresee that his work or life can have but one end - namely disaster!

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 Masonic family in Sierra Vista has completed the initial planning for a new Child Identification program (CHIP) in centered in Sierra Vista. This will double the capabilities of the current CHIP program already established in Douglas, and run by Mt. Moriah #19.

We have identified an overall responsible body, and appointed many of the key people. We also have near certainty on funding for our first CHIP system. However, we need at least three systems. So our current mission is to start fund raising to purchase the equipment.

The Tucson Scottish Rite, who has singlehandedly led the CHIP efforts in Arizona, is assisting us by providing a method to make your donations tax deductible, as well as all of our required training. Should anyone wish to make a donation, tax deductible or not, please contact WB Andy Anderson.

Initial training will be held on July 17th of July at Huachuca Lodge #53 at 5:00 and should last about 2 hours. This training is mandatory to work a CHIP event. Our first event will be held the following day (July 18th). Additional information will be published as the details develop.

Anyone interested in attending the training and/or working the event on the 18th should contact Phillip Shulsky at loki33w@gmail.com.

Cochise Scottish Rite And Huachuca Shrine Club



Bro Tom Jones

Well here we are the year half-gone. So many positive things have happened with the Scottish Rite Club and Shrine Club also.

We had a nice Class Reunion and the Onion sales were a success. We also have a few who are interested in becoming Clowns, I thought they already were though.

We also have some charter members of the Knights of St Andrew. That covers the Master Masons.

Last Saturday we had a G I Party at Huachuca 53. Most of the floors were cleaned or vacuumed, plumbing repaired, and cabinets wiped down. Thanks to all who were a part of the team?

The Shrine picnic will be on Aug 1st for those wanting to know. Its always a good time.

Finally a reminder to keep in our prayers those brothers who are ill and frail.



From the South

Bro. Phillip Shulsky

Another month has come and gone. Much has been accomplished in our Lodge, yet more remains to be done. We made it through Grand Lodge and the installation of Most worshipful brother Mike Bishop as the Grand Master of Mason's in Arizona. We initiated one man into our craft, passed another, and raised a third. This month looks to be very much the same.

We have at least one Brother ready to be raised, other passed, and pending balloting, another to be initiated. In addition, we have a friend who is in his second month of coming to our Lodge to get to know us, and we to know him in order to petition for membership. We are growing.

With this growth comes opportunity. For the past year, a handful of Brothers have spearheaded many projects to improve our Craft. Imagine how much more we will be able to do next year with the help of these new Brothers! They need to be embraced, and offered opportunities to grow in our fraternity. This requires continued mentorship by everyone in Lodge.

At the beginning of this Masonic year, the Lodge goal was a 10% increase in new membership, and a 10% return of existing Masons who have stopped coming to Lodge. We have certainly met the first goal, but are falling WAY short on the second. Please continue to make contact and invite our Brothers to Lodge.

Lastly, in terms of work in the degrees, any brother who desires to learn a part for any degree simply needs to contact the person responsible for that trestle board. For EA it is Bro Doug Krusell, for FC its me, and for MM it is Bro Harry Brown.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Michael T. Bishop Grand Master of Mason's in Arizona



Most Worshipful Grand Master Michael T. Bishop receives a gift from Worshipful brother Ralph Hooten.



The Grand Master, using one of the gifts!



Bro. Erik Coulson receives his Fellow Craft Degree on the 17th of June

Calendar of Events for July 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			July 1st Huachuca #53 Stated Meeting Time: Dinner at 6PM; Meeting at 7PM	July 2nd Perfect Ashlar Lodge #12 stated meeting at 7 PM	July 3rd	July 4th Independence Day
July 5th	July 6th King Solomon #5 Stated Meeting Time: 7PM	July 7th Campstone #77 Stated Meeting 7PM Pearl of Venus #6 OES Time: 2PM Place: Bisbee	July 8th Huachuca #53 MM Degree Dinner at 6PM by OES #51; Degree at 7PM	July 9th Wilcox #10 Stated Meeting Time: 7PM	July 10th	July 11th Cochise Scottish rite Club breakfast. Huachuca Lodge #53 at 7AM MM Degree at Mt. Moriah at 9AM
July 12th	July 13th	July 14th Mt Moriah Lodge #19 stated meeting at 7 PM	July 15th Huachuca #53 EA Degree. Dinner at 6PM by OES #51; Degree at 7PM	July 16th	July 17th George W. Prioleau Lodge #13 Stated Meeting at 7PM CHIP Training Place: Huachuca Lodge #53 Time 5—7 PM	July 18th CHIP Event 8AM to 12 noon
July 19th	July 20th Chiricahua Ct #15 , Order of the Amaranth stated meeting at 7:30 PM	July 21st Pearl of Venus Chap #6 stated meeting at 2 PM Adoniram Council #14 , Cryptic Masons stated meeting at 7 PM Coronado Chap #20 , Royal Arch Masons stated meeting at 7 PM.	July 22nd Huachuca #53 MM Degree Dinner at 6PM by OES #51; Degree at 7PM	July 23rd	July 24th	July 25th King Solomon #5 EA Degree AT HUACHUCA #53. Breakfast served at 8:30, degree at 10AM
July 26th	July 27th San Pedro Lodge #55 stated meeting at 7 PM	July 28th Burning Taper Commandery #15 , Knights Templar stated Meeting at 7PM	July 29th Huachuca #53 FC Degree Dinner at 6PM by OES #51; Degree at 7PM	July 30th	July 31st	Aug 1st Huachuca Shrine Club Annual Picnic @ Lower Garden Canyon picnic site at 11AM

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