



Huachuca Lodge #53



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From the East

WM Matt Covell

So there I was... contemplating. Having enjoyed an evening of Drinks and fellowship with a few of my Brothers and now reflecting on the subject matter and the meaning of that which was discussed, I considered what it truly means to be active in Masonry.

Masonry teaches us many things, and it is the moral and ethical vehicle by which we are instructed on how to become better men in our society.

Yet, what does it mean to be an officer in a lodge.

What part of Masonry is that?

What does it Teach us?

How does being an officer in a lodge facilitate becoming a better man?

Being an officer in two Lodges, I thought on this for sometime. I considered the wise and noble words of my esteemed Brethren. I pondered on my experiences. I looked deep within and came to the greatest of conclusions.

I ask each of you to now contemplate this.

What about being active in a Lodge adds to our teachings?

What about serving as an officer adds to our teachings?

What could we learn from these experiences?

What is the motivation to pursue them?

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Masonic Losses — Collected by Bro. Gene Bull

Col. Charles ‘Chuck’ Wigner (retired)

Graveside services with full military honors will be conducted at the Southern Arizona Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009, at 10 a.m. for Col. Charles “Chuck” Wigner, retired.

Chuck, 86, a 40-year resident of Sierra Vista, passed away at Hacienda Rehabilitation & Care Center on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009.

He was born on Feb. 16, 1923, in Bridgeport, Ohio, to the late Charles Wigner and the late Blanche Mea Wigner. Charles was raised and educated in Bridgeport and graduated from Bridgeport High School. He was an alumnus of Ohio State University.

Col. Wigner proudly served with the U.S. Army as an artilleryman and was a veteran of three wars, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. During his distinguished career, he received many awards and commendations. Chuck married Betty Jo Guier on May 1, 1945, in Lawton, Okla., and had been married for 64 years. He was an active member of the Sierra Vista Rotary Club, the Retired Officers Association, Cochise County 4-H and a Mason. When not visiting with family and friends, he enjoyed researching and processing genealogy.

His survivors include his loving wife, Betty; his son, Skip and his wife, Donna, of Virginia. He was the proud granddad to Stuart “Stu” and his wife, Erika of Virginia, and Nathan of Massachusetts.

Chuck has joined his jewel and beautiful daughter, Ginger, who died in 1997; and his sisters, Dorothy Shaffer and Mildred Hughes.

Brother Chuck was just one of many members of King Solomon Lodge #5 who had distinguished military careers.

As a veteran and survivor of three wars, it is fitting that he should have lived a long, full, and productive life.

William “Snips” Mclvor

Brother William “Snips” Mclvor passed away in his sleep on September 9, 2009, in Sierra Vista. Brother Bill Mclvor was born on November 28, 1927. He was 81 years old at the time of his passing into the Celestial Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Janet Mclvor. Private services were held.

From The West

Bro. Harry Brown

September was a productive month for our Lodge. We had our stated meeting on the 2nd of September. On the 9th of September we performed a Fellow Craft degree for Brother Brian Kundert. And on 16 September, we raised Brother Jeffery York to the sublime degree of Master Mason. If you were not able to attend the degree work put on by your fellow Brothers during the month of September, you missed some very good Masonic work. Make it a point to come out and support **your Lodge's** degree work that will be planned in the coming months.

On 21 September I had the privilege of visiting the Douglas Masonic Lodge, Mt Moriah. This was my first visit to their Lodge and it was an honor to be presented their Lodge pin as a token of remembrance of the visit. I also had the opportunity to participate in their degree work which was on the third degree. The Brothers performed the degree work extremely well.

For your further Masonic education the following link is recommended: <http://cointrade.awardspace.com/MasonicKnowledge/Masless.htm> Here you will find short Masonic lessons covering a variety of subjects that should be of interest to old and new Masons.

For your planning purposes -- Huachuca Lodge #53 will have its Installation of Officers on Saturday at 2pm, 12 December 2009. We will have the honor of having Most Worshipful Michael Bishop, the Grand Master of Masons in Arizona installing our Officers for the year 2010.

Lodge Dues are due again

For those keeping track, we are now in the month of October, which means we should be thinking about all the dues we're going to have to pay in December. If we plan ahead and take care of one or two a month starting NOW, December won't be so stressful.

That being said, the Lodge dues for Huachuca #53 will be going up, as with all the Blue Lodge dues. Once I receive the new amount, I will pass the information on to you.

I am sure the secretaries (and treasurers) of all the organizations will greatly appreciate prompt attention to this topic.

Degree work & Masonic Photos



Finally, after months of work before and after being initiated, Brother York is finally a Master Mason. We have had pictures taken after each degree, but these are the first to make it into the newsletter.

Brother Jeff has been active in Huachuca Lodge #53 activities before he was even initiated; assisting with work details and fund raising. He is a great addition to our fraternity.



Bro. Doug Krusell conferred the 2nd degree on Bro. Brian Kundert.



Companion Ralph W. Hooten Excellent High Priest of Coronado Chapter No. 20 greeted Most Excellent Grand High Priest James W. Sebastian on his official visit to the local Chapter of Sierra Vista York Rite Bodies.



Most Worshipful Brother James W. Sebastian is also a Past Grand Master of Masons in Arizona



Companion Joseph Edwards Pro Tem Illustrious Master of Adoniram Council No. 14 greeted Most Illustrious Companion James W. Sebastian Past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Arizona to the local Council of Sierra Vista York Rite Bodies.

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.

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From The South

Bro. Phillip Shulsky

My article this month is one of thanks, thanks to the ladies of Electa Chapter #51, Order of the Eastern Star.

When the current line of officers began the Masonic year, we could have never expected the surge in membership this Lodge has experienced. It has been a blessing, but also a huge effort. While many (most) of the Lodge membership is retired, I am not. Working full time was going to make it very difficult to perform one of the Junior Wardens key responsibilities, ritual meals. Now that the year has nearly come to an end, and the bulk of the candidates raised as Master Masons, the time for reflection has come.

What has been accomplished? Obviously the Lodge has prospered. The growth will help to ensure the success of Masonry in the County for years to come. But there is another accomplishment, one that might remain hidden if not for watchful eyes. Light! In Masonry, light has many meanings, but primary among them is knowledge, and in this case understanding.

When I became a Master Mason, I had many petitions thrust towards me, including one for the Eastern Star. I was advised by some to steer clear of this group, and based on that advice, I did. Yet in the Lodge's (my) time of need, who came to assist? The very organization I avoided. Why was a told to avoid this group? In my opinion, lack of understanding, and perhaps a personal grudge or two.

The Order of the Eastern Star is an organization whose mission is the welfare of Masonic Widows and Orphans. They are an organization well worthy of your inspection and consideration. While it is primarily a woman run organization, it does require the presence of a Master Mason, and a lady must have a family connection to a Master Mason to join. I have been a member for about 6-months.

It is not my intention to encourage anyone to join any organization they have not researched, and wish to join for their own reasons. What I am hoping to accomplish is generating enough interest to at least look into the organization, either for your own membership, or your spouse's.

Worthy Matron Shirley and ladies of the Eastern Star, thank you for supporting Huachuca Lodge #53. I hope in some way this article does the same for you.

Cochise Scottish Rite And Huachuca Shrine Club



Bro Tom Jones

My Brothers and Nobels,

The Scottish Rite Club will be meeting October 10th, preparing for degree work for the Fall Reunion' at Huachuca #53 at 7:30am.

The Huachuca Shrine Club will be having the official visit of the Potentate, Jerry Welch, Oct 17th at the Manda Le' Restaurant Hwy 92 and Canyon de Flores at 5:30. Located right behind the Diner and MacDonalds. We will order off the menu for this event. From Buffalo Soldier Trail make a right turn at Hwy 92 then go to then next light and make a left turn.



The next day, Oct 18th is Helldorado Day Parade in Tombstone. Shrine Parade Units will be there, as will Tombstone TL #5.

Hope to see you all in Lodge, and finish out the year on a good note.

Until the next newsletter, hope you all travel safely.

Fraternally,
Tom Jones

Grand Lodge Table Lodge Fundraiser

For the first time in history, the Grand Lodge of Arizona Officers are going to open a Table Lodge. Held at Sun City Lodge #72 on October 30th, this will truly be a history making event and a table lodge like no other! Best described as unique and bawdy, this table lodge will feature outstanding food, tremendous Masonic fun and fellowship, and a presentation of the Scottish Rite play THE TRAITOR.

The Grand Master will also be honoring the sitting Masters of the Blue Lodges and would like EVERY Master to attend along with his lodge members. Best of all, the price is only \$29 per person and 100% of the proceeds go towards the Grand Lodge Educational programs - lowering OUR costs for the Academies, etc. This is the first year of what will surely become an annual event so let's set a record for the largest table lodge ever held!

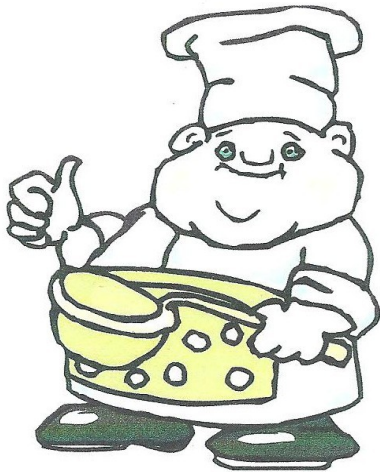
RSVP early as space is limited. All reservations received before October 15th will receive a limited edition personalized canon. RSVP to: Chadwickburks@yahoo.com or by calling 623-703-4568. Further information will be given with your RSVP. Please arrive at 6pm as the event will start PROMPTLY at 6:30pm!

Sun City Lodge has ample parking and room for campers and RVs, so come from all over! Chadwick Burks, Worshipful Master, Sun City Lodge #72.

Calendar of Events for October 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>Oct 1st</p> <p>Perfect Ashlar Lodge #12 stated meeting at 7 PM</p> <p>Electa Chap 51, OES Stated Meeting at 7:30PM</p>	<p>Oct 2nd</p> <p>Art in the Park (Veteran's Park)</p> <p>Rex Allen Days (Wilcox)</p>	<p>Oct 3rd</p> <p>Art in the Park (Veteran's Park)</p>
<p>Oct 4th</p> <p>Art in the Park (Veteran's Park)</p>	<p>Oct 5th</p> <p>King Solomon #5 Stated Meeting Time: 7PM</p>	<p>Oct 6th</p> <p>Campstone #77 Stated Meeting 7PM</p> <p>Pearl of Venus Chap 6, OES Stated Meeting at 2PM</p>	<p>Oct 7th</p> <p>Huachuca #53 Stated Meeting Time: Dinner at 6PM; Meeting at 7PM</p>	<p>Oct 8th</p> <p>Wilcox #10 Stated Meeting Time: 7PM</p>	<p>Oct 9th</p> <p>AZ Assoc of High Twelve Club Conv. In Casa Grande</p>	<p>Oct 10th</p> <p>AZ Assoc of High Twelve Club Conv. In Casa Grande Electa #53 (OES) School of Instruction at 10AM Cochise Scottish Rite breakfast at 7AM</p>
<p>Oct 11th</p> <p>Scottish Rite Honors Brunch (By Invitation)</p>	<p>Oct 12th</p> <p>COLUMBUS DAY</p>	<p>Oct 13th</p> <p>Mt Moriah Lodge #19 stated meeting at 7 PM</p>	<p>Oct 14th</p> <p>Huachuca #53 Open Lodge 5—8 PM</p>	<p>Oct 15th</p> <p>Electa Chap 51, OES Stated Meeting at 7:30PM</p>	<p>Oct 16th</p> <p>Cochise High 12 club #703 Monthly Meeting at 5:30PM</p>	<p>Oct 17th</p> <p>Huachuca Shrine Club meeting at 5:30 PM. At La Casita</p>
<p>Oct 18th</p> <p>York Rite Fall Fest in Laughlin</p> <p>Tombstone Helldorado Days parade at 11AM</p>	<p>Oct 19th</p> <p>York Rite Fall Fest in Laughlin</p> <p>Chiricahua Ct #15, Order of the Amaranth Stated Meeting at 7:30PM</p>	<p>Oct 20th</p> <p>York Rite Fall Fest in Laughlin Pearl of Venus Chap 6, OES friendship day @ Longhorn at noon. Adoniram Council #14, Cryptic Masons meeting at 7 PM Coronado Chap #20, Royal Arch Masons meeting at 7 PM</p>	<p>Oct 21st</p> <p>Huachuca #53 Open Lodge 5—8 PM</p>	<p>Oct 22nd</p> <p>Tucson Lodge of Perfection, Feast of Tishri (reservations required).</p> <p>Mason/Knight Dinner</p>	<p>Oct 23rd</p>	<p>Oct 24th</p> <p>DDGM meeting in Phoenix at 10AM</p>
<p>Oct 25th</p> <p>Tucson Valley Scottish Rite Picnic</p>	<p>Oct 26th</p> <p>San Pedro Lodge #55 stated meeting at 7 PM</p>	<p>Oct 27th</p> <p>Burning Taper Commandery #15, Knights Templar stated Meeting at 7PM</p>	<p>Oct 28th</p> <p>Huachuca #53 Open Lodge 5—8 PM</p>	<p>Oct 29th</p>	<p>Oct 30th</p>	<p>Oct 31st</p> <p>Halloween</p>

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.