

April, 2010

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT  
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# Trestleboard

Huachuca Lodge No. 53 F & A M : Sierra Vista, AZ



Taking Good Men and Making Them Better



## FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

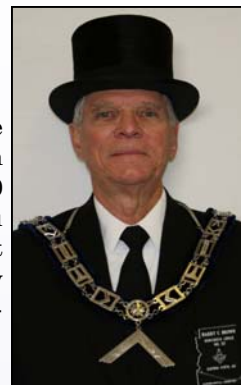
Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, James W. Rowan, of the Grand Lodge of Arizona Free and Accepted Masons, made an official visit to Huachuca Lodge #53 at the March stated meeting, 3 March 2010. We had a good turn out at the Lodge to meet and greet RWB Jim Rowan.

We continue to have men interested in Masonry visit our Lodge on Wednesday evenings. Many continue to come back each Wednesday. Why? To become a Mason in Arizona, a Brother of our Lodge must sign the petition testifying that he has known the applicant for a minimum of six months. It is heart warming to see so many men willingly visiting our Lodge each Wednesday to fulfill this requirement. Join us on Wednesday evenings, and say hello to these fine young men that are interested in our Fraternity.

I am proud to be the Master of Huachuca Lodge #53 and the quality of degree work our members perform. Request you support your Lodge's upcoming degree work-- on 17 April we will have an EA degree. We had three EA degrees in March on the 10th and 17th. We had Campstone No. 77 confer an the 1st degree for another one of our candidates. Look for the Trestle Boards announcing degree work in your email.

Camp Stone Lodge # 77 is now a daylight Lodge, they had their first Stated meeting on 13 March. There was a great turnout from the Brothers, as well as for the 1st degree on

the 20th of March. They meet the second Saturday of the month in the Giacobbi Lodge Room at 9:30 am. Pass the word that if you can't or do not like to drive at night, this is a great opportunity for our Masonic community to attend Lodge.



A reminder that registration forms for the Grand Lodge Communication (June 3-5, 2010) are available on the Arizona Grand Lodge web site. This year the Grand Lodge Communication will be held in Tucson. Let us have as many Brothers as possible from Huachuca 53 support our Grand Master, MWB Michael T. Bishop, at this Grand Lodge Communication.

Let me give you some GREAT NEWS. The heating and Air Conditioning has been installed in the Hegge Lodge room. We have been looking forward to this since August 2008. Congratulations go out to Temple Management Board Chairman Brother Bob Frankenfield, and TMB Member Brother Bob Frampton, as well as Worshipful Brother Steve Ziegler, for bringing this project to fruition. Come out and attend Lodge and enjoy the comfort of the new HVAC units.

Fraternally,  
Harry C. Brown  
Worshipful Master

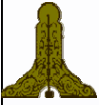
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### News from Camp Stone Lodge No. 77

Good news for Cochise County Masons. On the 15th of February our Grand Master, M.W. Brother M. Bishop, approved a change To the By-Laws of Camp Stone Lodge No. 77. Beginning 13 March 2010 the Lodge will hold Its stated meetings on the 2nd Saturday of each Month. The meetings will start at 9:30 A.M. We will also be moving to Huachuca Lodge Number 53's building, the small room on the north side. Our first Saturday meeting will be preceded by A great breakfast provided by Cochise High Twelve Club No. 703. So come out and join us for a little Fun, some good food and a lot of Fellowship.

Ralph W. Hooten, PM  
Worshipful Master



## FROM THE YEST

Brethren,

I am a very lucky man. I am sure of this point. I have been blessed with not one, but several mentors who have collectively taught more than any one man could have. I truly am part of a brotherhood. My Masonic education has now entered a new phase where I have become the teacher. This concept frightened me at first because I falsely thought that there was just one right answer to each question. I now realize that ... such is not the case. For Masonic tradition informs us that masonry is a quest for the light of knowledge.

In preparing to write this article I recalled a line from a book I read somewhere...It is the internal, not the external.... If this is true, then for masonry to make a good man better he must internalize its teachings. He must weigh his current values, ethics, and behaviors and draw designs upon his trestle board and use his working tools to make adjustments where he feels changes are necessary. All of this happens, or should happen, within the individual mason. How then can one person tell another what to do, where, and when?

While our Masonic teachings describe the operative and speculative uses of our working tools, I argue that there is another, more personal approach. This approach cannot be taught, cannot be described, and cannot be learned. Its effects are something that just happens.

Though not a Blue Lodge tool, I think the scale is an important tool in the early life of a Mason. We are taught

the important use of the compass, but how do we define "due bounds?" Other Masonic symbols address this gap, but for me, the scale does it best. As I place intent on one side of the scale (for example something I may feel or desire to say) and the effect or action on the other, I am forced to consider bias and motivation. Consider the scale a method of measuring mortar. Use too little and the building will fall. Use too much and the foundation will be flawed.



Masonry is an individual journey, and Brothers are placed along the road to assist one another in that journey. We start from the same place but travel along different, parallel roads, hopefully ending at the same location, but not in this lifetime. Our journey is our own, and eternal. Tools are provided with initial teachings, but their use is up to us. Masonry is up to us. Are you still using your tools or have you set them aside? Are you assisting fellow travelers or is there a shadow upon the road? Certainly my road is well attended and I hope I am still on the right path. I feel certain that, should I stray, a Brother will be there to guide me.

Bro. Phillip Shulsky  
S.W.  
Huachuca Lodge #53

Brother Bob Wilson, our 94 year old brother, fell and broke his left arm (he's left handed) on or about March 30th. We was staying in room 129 at the Hacienda Rehabilitation & Care Center, 660 Coronado, 520-459-4900. Please stop by and visit him or give him a call. WB Al Camacho & WB Johnnie Wagener.

Thanks to the Temple Management Board the new heating and cooling has been installed and is working fine. Bob Frampton.

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## FROM THE EDITOR

Brethren,

I apologize for not sending out the March Trestleboard. Information from March and April is included in this month's edition.

In addition to this Trestleboard, I will be sending a special collector's edition for the 1st Quarter in review. If you have anything special to contribute for the 1st quarter in review, please let me know.

For those who don't know, I have been in Fargo, ND this past month and a half working on a 3-6 month contract. Its been an experience. When I arrived in Fargo, the temperature was -18 degrees. Now, for a native, that must feel pretty good considering the temperature reaches a blistering -40 degrees. For an Arizona boy, however, its pretty darn cold. I had to pry my dog off the fire hydrant.

## THE SECRETARY'S CORNER

Brethren,

Another exciting month has went by, we have several new candidates and have degree work to do every available Wednesday for the next 5 weeks that we know of.

The Official visit from Right Worshipful James Rowan, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Arizona gave a very interesting closing speech. Some of the high lights of his presentation: He is excited about becoming the next Grand Master. He was pleased we are doing the CHIP program in Cochise County and is pleased that we are working together with the Elks and others. He encourages us to continue supporting the "No Mason Left Behind" effort. Advised of the Arizona Masonic Education Academy to be held at Little America Hotel in Flagstaff September 10-12 and encouraged attendance by all.

Cochise County CHIP Program will be doing Child Identification at the Masonic Lodge, 219 S. Garden Avenue on April 10 at 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM. This is done free of charge as a Community Service.

This event is open to the public both for children and adults. Please let your neighbors and friends know about this event

What we do is take the child's information, photos, fingerprints, DNA, and a video. They make a printout and a CD. The parent is given a CD with all the information. In

I did have the opportunity to visit Shiloh Lodge #1 in Fargo and meet new brothers. The North Dakota ritual is pretty close to ours in Arizona. Some words are different, but it could be an accent thing. All-in-all, its good to see they are very active and willing to extend a fellow traveler the courtesy and fellowship of the lodge.

Have a great month this month

Br Everett

### *Congratulations to a Cochise County Brother*

I'd like to congratulate WB Al Camacho - White Rose York Rite College 117 appointed WB Al as the Marshal General with the title of Very Eminently Distinguished Brother Al Camacho Order Knight of York.

Way To Go WB Al!

the case of a missing child this CD can be given to police and the child will be on Amber Alert in a short time. The group keeps no information except a signed permission form.

For more information call Jim Elliston, cell 623 680-8380 or 378-2711

After almost 2 years of effort, we now have a contract in place to in install new HVAC in the Lodge thanks to our Temple Management Board. The work will start immediately and may be complete before the next Stated meeting.

To those that have not paid their 2010 Lodge dues, you need to take care of this soon. I will have to be mailing out late payment notices soon. If you need assistance, please advise the Master or myself so we can look for available solutions. Be assured that this information will be held in confidence.

Either Tim or myself plan to be in Lodge each Wednesday evening to take care of Lodge business and to get acquainted. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Bro. Jim Elliston  
Lodge Secretary  
cell 623 680-8380  
jdelliston@aol.com

*Please take care of  
your 2010 dues.*



## FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

Recently I had the privilege of attending a Masonic Widows luncheon, what an experience to witness all the masonic history of other brothers as told by their wives. I sponsored a wife by the name of Alice Godwin who was married to Brother Ralph Godwin, a Master Mason from Colorado, a Shrine Mason, Past master, and three time Worthy Patron for the Order of the Eastern Star also in Colorado... When I was coming to the lodge every Wednesday so that I could become a mason, I was asked to stay for a dinner honoring a number of fifty year Masons, that was very special for me, Brother Ralph Godwin was one of the Brothers awarded with a fifty year pin. Although Ralph was closer to having been a sixty year Mason.

Having lunch with all these special ladies I found myself thinking of the future, when my lady is the one being honored by a fellow Brother. What Masonic history will she be able to relay & what wonderful stories will she be able to tell about the Masonic family we now belong to. Of which I have grown to love and respect very quickly, and who have also accepted us with love and mutual respect.



Thank you for all of your support!

Once again thank you to all the Brothers who attended the last stated meeting meal, which went off without a hitch, if you don't count the burning of two loaves of french bread a hitch.

As always all Brothers and their Families are welcome to all of the meals. I look forward to seeing a dining room full of Brothers for the next meal on March 3rd. Please keep in mind that the food will be good, as this fat guy loves to eat. What better a person to be in charge of refreshment! If you have an idea for future menus please feel free to let me know.

Fraternally,

Brother Jeffrey K York

### WHAT IS A COWEN?

The word *cowen* has been used to mean "a thief of secrets." A more specific use which has fallen out of fashion is to refer to someone who has not been initiated into your personal religion. It literally means "uninitiated."

There was also this site from a lodge in Texas that addresses this issue and it was akin to what I had said about it being a thief of secrets. This is the site:

<http://www.masonsoftexas.com/content.php/195-What-is-a-Cowan-What-is-an-eavesdropper>

Contributed by Brother Gene Bull

## Question of the Month

by Bro. Andrew Anderson

The question for March was "What is the mystic tie of Fraternalism?"

The answer (short form) is the symbolic tie that binds men together, the Cement of Brotherly Love. The Lodge is strongly cemented with love and friendship, and every brother is duly taught secrecy and prudence, morality and good fellowship. The new question is "What is a cubit measure?" We use this word in the Fellowcraft degree lecture and many hear it but really don't know its meaning.

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Huachuca Lodge No. 53 F & A M



## 2010 Officers, Trustees, Management, and Committees

pictures courtesy of Al Camacho, PM



**Harry Brown**  
Worshipful Master



**Phillip Shulsky**  
Senior Warden



**Jeffrey York**  
Junior Warden



**Charles Fortner**  
PM  
Treasurer



**James Elliston**  
Secretary



**Eric Coulson**  
Senior Deacon



**Eric Navarro**  
Junior Deacon



**Johnnie Wagener**  
PM  
Chaplain



**Robert Frampton**  
Marshal



**Ian Rice**  
Senior Steward



**Thomas Jones IV**  
Junior Steward



**Steven Ziegler**  
PM  
Tyler



**Maurice Mitchell**



**Andrew Anderson**  
PM



**Robert Frankenfield**



**Al Camacho**  
PM



**Matt Covell**  
PM



**Ralph Hooten**  
PM

*Special thanks to the four Grand Lodge Officers for their continued support and guidance.*

## 2010 Installation Grand Officers

pictures courtesy of Al Camacho, PM



**Robert Whitney**  
PM



**Danie Vannoy**  
PM



**Michael Bishop**  
MWB



**Ralph Hooten**  
WB



**Johnnie Wagener**  
WB



**Andrew Anderson**  
WB



## Mentorship



By Brother Phillip Shulsky

Mentorship is a crucial part of what we do. It begins when we sign as a recommender on a candidate's petition and continues the rest of his life. So much of what we do is unwritten. Case in point – Lodge etiquette. I've never actually seen a written document listing all the rules of how we behave in lodge. I've "learned" that most seem to be common sense, but a few were not. As I made mistakes, I was constructively corrected by brothers. Thus, they are my mentors.

The point is we are all mentors. Young masons, like me, watch the older, more experienced masons. We copy your behaviors and attitudes. We look to you to make us better men. It's a heavy responsibility, I'm sure.

I would like to personally thank all of the active masons of our lodge for mentoring me. I must highlight a couple of our brothers for the extra time and effort they put in with me, and most of the new mason of the last year. Bro Matt Covell has personally carried most of the candidates of the last year through their proficiencies and has strongly encouraged learning the rituals. WB Andy Anderson, in addition to all the other things he does, runs a ritual practice every Tuesday at 5PM at the lodge. It is here, at the practices, where I have learned the most.

## Member Raised

Brother Daryl Hossler II was raised on 10 March 2010. Br Daryl was Initiated on 21 Oct 2009, Passed to Fellowcraft on 20 Jan 2010 and Raised on 10 March 2010.

Congratulations Brother Daryl!



## Degree Work

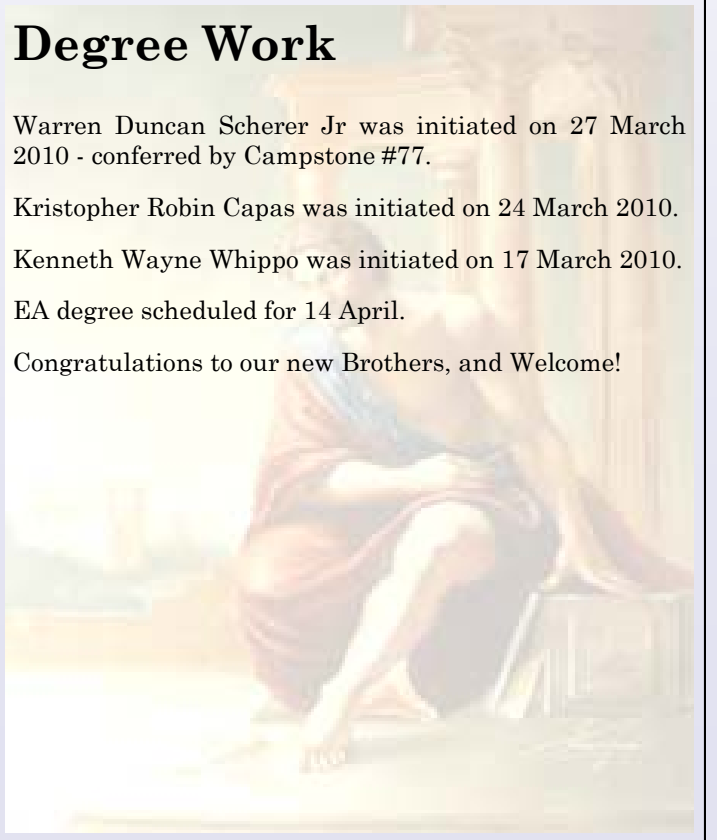
Warren Duncan Scherer Jr was initiated on 27 March 2010 - conferred by Campstone #77.

Kristopher Robin Capas was initiated on 24 March 2010.

Kenneth Wayne Whippo was initiated on 17 March 2010.

EA degree scheduled for 14 April.

Congratulations to our new Brothers, and Welcome!





## Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master.....	Harry C Brown
Senior Warden.....	Phillip R Shulsky
Junior Warden.....	Jeffrey K York
Treasurer.....	Charles H Fortner, PM
Secretary.....	James D Elliston
Senior Deacon.....	Eric R Coulson
Junior Deacon.....	Eric Navarro
Chaplain.....	Johnnie M Wagener, PM
Marshal.....	Robert L Frampton
Senior Steward.....	Ian M Rice
Junior Steward.....	Thomas E Jones
Tyler.....	Steven W Ziegler, PM

## Board of Trustees

Chairman.....	Harry C Brown
1 Year.....	Maurice A Mitchell
2 Year.....	Andrew M Anderson, PM
3 Year.....	Robert C Frankenfield
4 Year.....	Al Camacho, PM
5 Year.....	Matthew M Covell, PM
Treasure-Ex-Officio.....	Charles H Fortner, PM
Secretary-Ex-Officio.....	James D Elliston

## Temple Management Board

Chairman.....	Robert C Frankenfield
Member.....	Jeffrey K York
Member.....	Robert L Frampton
Member.....	Eric R Coulson
Member.....	Ralph W Hooten, PM
Worshipful Master-Ex-Officio.....	Harry C Brown
Treasurer-Ex-Officio.....	Charles H Fortner, PM

## Robert Francis Stevens

**April 20, 1930 – Feb. 24, 2010**

Robert F. Stevens, 79, a 20-year resident of Sierra Vista passed away Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010. He was born April 20, 1930, in Killingly, Conn. Bob served his country in the U.S. Army as a military police officer. He received his Army Occupation Medal (Germany). Bob worked for the U.S. Postal Service.

He was a member of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 24th Masonic District and just received his 50-year pin.

He is survived by his wife of 58-years, Sylvia Lois Stevens; four sons, Robert Stevens Jr. of Sierra Vista, Arthur Stevens of Sierra Vista, Bruce Stevens of Sierra Vista and Michael Stevens of Woodstock, Conn.; a daughter, Cynthia Shropshire of Albany, N.Y.; a brother, William Ste-

## In Memoriam, courtesy of Br Gene Bull

vens of Oxford, Mass; a sister, Phyllis Thurlow of Killingly, Conn.; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Bob is preceded in death by two brothers, George Stevens of Webster, Mass., and John Stevens of Plainfield, Conn.; five sisters, Eleanor Forcier of Leicester, MA, Arlene Johnson of Leicester, Mass., Dorothy Stevens of Worcester, Mass., Alice Slingo of Oxford, Mass., and Ruth Stevens of Webster, Mass.

## “Dottie” Gottie A.L. Sams

**Feb.11, 2010**

“Dottie” Gottie A.L. Sams passed away Thursday, Feb.11, 2010, in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

Born in Mobile, Ala., she lived in the Sierra Vista area for 43 years.

Dottie served our country in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. She was employed at Fort Huachuca and retired civil service.



She was active in the Order of the Eastern Star, a “Past Supreme Worthy High Priestess of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem” “A Christian Organization of the Masons.”

Dottie was also a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Tombstone Chapter.

Dottie has no survivors. She is preceded in death by her husband, Sam.

Graveside services with military honors were held at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010.



## Joan Frankenfield Feb. 1, 2010



Joan Frankenfield of Whetstone, Ariz., passed away on Monday, Feb. 1, 2010, following an extended illness.

She is survived by her husband of 29 years, Robert Frankenfield; a daughter, Sayra Rethswisch (Billy) and their children, Andy, Augustine and Luke; father, Irwin Kilanski (Sally); sisters, Donna Henricks (Kenneth) and Kathy Clark (Chuck); Robert's children, Carl Frankenfield, Tina Tooth and her son, Joey, Sharon Robbins and her daughter, Meagan; parents-in-law, Robert and Evelyn Frankenfield; and a large, loving circle of extended family and friends. She lived her life helping others in home health care.

We'll miss you, Joanie.

A private service was held for the family

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*We will miss you, and we'll look forward to meeting you again in the Celestial Grand Lodge on High.*

"I, as a Free Mason, believe in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man. I will do unto others as I would have them do unto me. I pledge my loyalty to the Government of the United States of America, a government of the people, by the people, and for the people, and will not countenance disloyalty on the part of others. Freemasonry is founded upon these principles and I will use my utmost effort to preserve them for posterity."

### Mandatory Committees

#### Audit Committee

Chairman..... Andrew M Anderson, PM  
Member ..... Danie S Vannoy, PM

#### Charity Committee

Chairman..... Harry C Brown  
Member ..... Phillip R Shulsky  
Member ..... Jeffrey K York

#### Finance Committee

Chairman..... Phillip R Shulsky  
Member ..... Jeffrey K York  
Member ..... Eric R Coulson

### Other Committees

#### Family Youth and School Programs

Bikes for Books..... Robert E Whitney, PM  
Thanksgiving Project ..... Robert E Whitney, PM  
Christmas Project (Carmichael)..... Robert E Whitney, PM  
Rainbow Girls ..... Al Camacho, PM  
Masonic Widow Program..... Andrew M Anderson, PM

#### Ritual & Masonic Education

Arizona Masonic Code  
..... DDGM Andrew M Anderson, PM  
Ritual Work ..... DDGL Johnnie M Wagener, PM  
Masonic Education..... Jeffrey K York

#### Jurisprudence-Constitution and By-Laws

Chairman..... Al Camacho, PM  
Member ..... Eric R Coulson



## Past Masters

Verne D Hegge *	1957
Randolph W Steffen *	1958
John K Oliver *	1959
Jake D McGee *	1960
Samuel N Giacobbi *	1961
Arthur K Risser *	1962
John J Thompson *	1963
Edward H Rodgers *	1964
Gordon W Leffingwell *	1965
Bobby G Burks	1966
Edwin W Crowther	1967
Earl E Windle *	1968
W George Nine *	1969
Joe V Olivera, Jr *	1970
Ray W McRoberts	1971
Alvie Leon Davis *	1972
David K Follette *	1973
Richard L Taylor	1974
Paul O Blankenship *	1975
Fred P Talmadge *	1976
Billy O Howard	1977
Joseph N Langlois *	1978
Harold J Adkins *	1979
Walter L Chambers *	1980
Myron O McKim *	1981
Oscar D Sims *	1982
Johnnie M Wagener	1983
Billy D Reese	1984
George H Martin *	1985
Charles J O'Gara, Jr *	1986
Donald B Handy	1987
Danie S Vannoy	1988
Melvin M Ugalde	1989
Lloyd F Snapp *	1990
Charles H Hammond	1991
Wayne A Kaiser	1992
Victor H Stout *	1993
Johnnie M Wagener	1994
Terry W Henley	1995
Ralph W Hooten	1996
Charles H Fortner	1997
James K Louzy	1998
Herbert L Hensley	1999
Lawrence Grant Hays	2000
William V Williamson	2001
Billy J Martin	2002
John R Stephens	2003
John A Fernandez	2004

## Masonic Family



### COCHISE MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #703

The Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club #703 will hold its monthly meeting at the Sierra Vista Elks Lodge on Friday evening, April 9th, starting at 5:30 PM. The meeting is open to everyone. Come and enjoy the Friday Night Fish Fry dinner.

### HUACHUCA SHRINE CLUB

The Huachuca Shrine Club had its monthly dinner at Gracie's Station in Benson. The dinner was very nice and the meeting went well. Past Presidents were introduced. It was a pleasant evening according to all that attended.



The Vidalia Onion sale is the next big event for the Club, being held in front of Wal-Mart, hopefully on the last weekend in April, the 24th and 25th. Advance orders will be taken starting now. We pledged to sell 2500 pounds again this year. We also have the weekend of May 14th and 15th if we need it, excluding Mothers Day. Also in planning is the picnic at Ft Huachuca on August 7th. More to come on that.

The next Club meeting will be April 17th, at Ricardo's at 5:30 pm. Hopefully we will have a guest speaker at that and future meetings. Also on Saturday morning, April 17th is the Sabbar Shrine Ceremonial, and yes we have a couple of candidates. So plan on attending if you can. The ceremonial starts at 9am to goes to about 3pm

Respectfully,

Tom Jones, (520) 378-6399

### COCHISE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB

The next meeting for the Cochise Scottish Rite Club will be April 3rd, 2010, at 8:00 AM, at the Huachuca #53 Lodge dining area. The DDGM, WB Andy Anderson, will have a meeting at 9:30 AM. It will be a good morning, for sure, and breakfast will be served.



This is an important meeting because we will discuss the upcoming Tucson and Phoenix Scottish Rite Reunion Class which will take place in Phoenix on May 12th-15th. The Cochise Scottish Rite Club will be involved, especially in the 31st degree.



## Communications



**ELECTA CHAPTER No. 51, ORDER of the EASTERN STAR Electa Chap #51, OES**, has scheduled their Tenth Annual High Tea for May 2nd, 2010. There are two seating: 12:30 PM and 3 PM. Tickets are available for \$12.00. This High Tea has a very good reputation for good, no, great food (all sweet), with very nice TLC seating. They expect the tickets to go fast, so if you are interested contact the Chairwoman Sister Bessie Adkins or Sister Bonnie Anderson. Don't wait.

### PHOENIX SCOTTISH RITE TO CONFER ALL 32 DEGREES

The Tucson and Phoenix Scottish Rite Reunion Class which will take place in Phoenix on May 12-15. This is an opportunity for those who wish to join the Scottish Rite to receive their degrees in short order. And by degrees, we mean all 32 degrees.

Since the Scottish Rite's founding in 1801, the Supreme Councils in North America have conferred the 4th through the 32 Degrees. The first three degrees have been conferred in Blue Lodges. These first three Scottish Rite degrees are quite different from those presented in most American lodges.

But now, for the first time, a Scottish Rite Reunion will present all 32 Degrees of the Scottish rite. This class will run from Wednesday, May 12th, starting at 2 pm, and continue each day, ending on Saturday, May 15th, with a 7pm banquet. Call our lodge secretary for details.

### NEWS FROM TUCSON SCOTTISH RITE

At all Lodge of Perfection meetings this year everyone who attends is asked to bring a food item for the food bank, a worthy cause to be sure.

A Mother's Day Celebration will be held at the Tanque Verde Guest Ranch on May 9th, 2010, starting at 12 noon. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Advance reservations only by calling (520) 622-8364 for complete details.

Information courtesy of King Solomon Lodge #5, April 2010 Newsletter. Thank You Brother Kenn Barrett!

## Past Masters, cont.

Peter K Gillespie .....	2005
William C Woolnough * .....	2006
Robert E Whitney .....	2007
Al Camacho .....	2008
Matthew M Covell .....	2009

\* Celestial Lodge



## Its Great To Be A Grotto Member

By B.T. "Tom" Dingwall, III

The Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, whose subordinate bodies are known as GROTTOS, is an organization by and for Master Masons. The GROTTTO is provided to the Master Mason as a place where he might join with his brothers (and their ladies) in letting the human instincts for fun, pleasure and amusement prevail. The GROTTTO stands for all of Masonry and wholesomeness in life. GROTTOS seek to draw Master Masons and their families into close and more friendly relations. While in no way connected with Masonry proper, its membership is restricted absolutely and exclusively to Master Masons in good standing. Each GROTTTO develops its own personality based upon the interests of its members and their ladies. If the members and ladies like dancing, eating out, or camping, then those are the activities that GROTTTO can plan for its members. Simply stated, the GROTTTO members decide what the local GROTTTO will do. Normally, GROTTTO events **are not** another night away from your spouses or significant others.

The Supreme Council, Grottoes of North America adopted in 1949 as its national objective the cause of Cerebral Palsy and has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation for research for this dread disease. In 1970 the Dental Care for Children with Special Needs was adopted. Our membership has diligently labored to provide the necessary funds to improve the oral health of these children. For reasons beyond their control, they are too often excluded from the mainstream of dental care. The GROTTOS of North America offer this service to those children afflicted with: Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, mentally challenged, and organ transplant children. This

service is rendered to any child under the age of 18 regardless of race, creed, or color. We do not cover children covered by Medicaid/Medicare, and we do not cover implants, orthodontics, or reconstructive jaw surgery.

The GROTTTO was founded in the summer of 1889 in Hamilton, New York by a group of Master Masons seeking to have fun and good fellowship. There are two GROTTOS in Arizona, Rameses GROTTTO located in Phoenix, and Altan Kol GROTTTO established in Tucson in October 14, 1919 and except for a brief period of inactivity during World War II, has remained in continuous existence since that time. Altan Kol GROTTTO draws its membership from throughout southeast Arizona including Tucson, Sierra Vista, Marana, Oro Valley, Green Valley, Globe and Huachuca City. Altan Kol supports the Special Olympics, Muscular Dystrophy, and Masonic sponsored youth groups including DeMolay, Rainbow and Jobs' Daughters. In recent years Altan Kol has been very active in Bikes for Books.

Local Cochise County Masons are invited to join Altan Kol GROTTTO, or we will assist efforts to establish a new GROTTTO in Cochise County. The minimum starting number is usually around 25 members of which a minimum of 15 must be new members to GROTTTO. The one-time initiation fee is \$125 and this includes an embroidered Fez. A jeweled Fez is available an additional fee. Dues are currently \$29 for 2010. For more information about Grotto feel free to contact James W. Sebastian, Monarch 2010, 3502 E. 27<sup>th</sup> St., Tucson, AZ 85713-2416. Home (520) 881-1001, Cell (520) 349-2641, Email: [NSebast271@aol.com](mailto:NSebast271@aol.com), or Tom Dingwall, Past Monarch (2009), 2368 Golf Links Rd., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635-4858. Home (520) 458-6527, Email: [tom.dingwall3@cox.net](mailto:tom.dingwall3@cox.net).

Brotherly Love,  
Relief,  
and Truth.





## Purpose of the Order of Amaranth, By Br. Bob Whitney, PM

The principal objects for which the organization is formed are fraternal, social and charitable.

**Fraternally**, the Order endeavors to develop the moral character of its members through a belief in a Supreme Being and the teachings of the lessons of Truth, Faith, Wisdom and Charity. Each member is taught to care for the welfare of her and his fellow members.

**The Organization affords its members a social outlet.**

- Provides an opportunity to meet together with people with similar interests and fulfill the basic human need for social companionship.
- Members enjoy planned social events with other members and their guests.
- For all courts and their members, civic and charitable projects are a main stay of each year's activities .

**Charity is a guiding principal of the Order.**

The Order's main charity is the Amaranth Diabetes Foundation.

Grand Courts and local courts support many other charities.

- Scholarship Funds.
- Nurses' Training.
- Care for the Elderly
- Soup Kitchens
- Ronald McDonald's House
- Visiting Nurses, and
- Many other local community charities.

“Order of the Amaranth Historical Summation” will be included in the February Trestleboard.



## Birthdays

### March 2010

- Michael Crista
- Donald Fuller
- Alberto Rodriguez
- Vernon Roulland
- Gilberto Valez
- Joseph Gentry
- Michael Lehnus

### April 2010

- Al Camacho
- Ervin Crowther
- Daryl Hosler II
- Thomas Jones IV
- Donald Penrod
- Jaime Pruna
- Richard Rhinehart
- Michael Wade
- Johnnie Wagener
- Bruce Wood
- Kenneth Whippo

## Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following brothers in this, their anniversary month of being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason.

### March

- Michael Edward Aponte ..... 3/8/2006
- Elmer Louis Bright ..... 3/30/1961
- Charles Maurice Hammond ..... 3/22/1969
- Daryl Lynn Hossler II ..... 3/10/2010
- Robert Alois Naessens ..... 3/12/1975
- Weston Wade Ochase ..... 3/17/2006
- Robert Samuel Wilson ..... 3/26/1951

### April

- Bobby Gene Burks ..... 4/12/1961
- Leonard Andrew Cox ..... 4/23/1959
- Michael Davis Crista ..... 4/29/1998
- Norman Roland Dunn Jr. .... 4/21/1973
- Charles Haven Fortner ..... 4/5/1961
- Carlos Alberto Garcia ..... 4/23/2008
- Terry Winn Henley ..... 4/16/1985
- Richard Allen Lund ..... 4/29/1972
- J Irwin McClelland ..... 4/1/1987
- Ray Watson McRoberts ..... 4/9/1958
- Billy Dean Reese ..... 4/1/1964
- Jeffrey Scott Siirtola ..... 4/13/2002
- Mathew William Snodgrass ..... 4/14/2005
- Harry Marshall Tungate ..... 4/4/1969
- Bruce Foster Wood ..... 4/6/1970



## In Memorium

information courtesy of Br Gene Bull

### Ethel Mary Bonner

**Sept. 18, 1916 -  
Feb. 7, 2010**



Ethel Mary Bonner went to be with the Lord on Feb. 7, 2010. With a smile on her face and twinkle in her eye, Ethel's positive and loving way touched many, setting an example of strength, tenacity, courage, compassion and charity. She will be truly missed by all who knew her.

Ethel Mary was born Sept. 18, 1916, in Philadelphia, Pa., the only child of Russell and Ethel Hagerty. She grew up in Philadelphia and the Doylestown countryside. After finishing school, she worked as a secretary at General Motors. She then met a handsome U.S. Army officer, Edwin D. Bonner, at her mother's restaurant in Philadelphia. They fell in love and married soon thereafter. She enjoyed Edwin's numerous duty stations, a favorite being Italy at the close of World War II where she joined her husband with their daughter, Carolyn. Ethel was a Realtor in Baltimore and Sierra Vista. They moved to Arizona with their daughter, Joan, when STRATCOM relocated to Fort Huachuca in 1967. After Edwin passed away in 1982, Ethel moved to Spring Valley Lake, Calif., in 1995 to be closer to her children and grandchildren.

Ethel loved to travel and taught Sunday School, served as a Gray Lady at Fort Bragg Army Hospital, was a Girl Scout leader, a member of Eastern Star, Lady of the Nile, and Ladies of the Shrine.

In Arizona, she served as president of the Republican Women and Sierra Vista Women's clubs and organized the "Welcome to Sierra Vista" group. She chaired the Beautification Committee and got a bandstand donated to the city and the first permanent Welcome to Sierra Vista Monument.

In California, she enjoyed family gatherings, playing bridge, her investment group, being active in Church of the Valley, Friends of the Apple Valley Library, Garden and Pond Clubs, Republican Women, Seniors with Inquiring Minds, Book Clubs and Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by her loving family, daughter Carolyn

Taff of Los Angeles, Calif.; daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Leonard Langdon and granddaughter Elizabeth Langdon of Apple Valley, Calif.; and granddaughter and husband, Carolyn and Dave Pierides of Tucson, Ariz. Ethel loved her family, her country, and the Lord. She set an example of grace and dignity for which she will always be remembered.

Graveside services were held Feb. 19, 2010, at Fort Huachuca Cemetery where Ethel will be buried with her beloved husband, Edwin. Contact Hatfield Funeral Home in Sierra Vista for additional information.



## Masonic Events & Activities

by Bro. Andrew Anderson

### GRAND LODGE CORNER STONE LAYING

What you say! What is that all about? The symbolism of the corner stone is the stone that lies at the corner of two walls, and forms the corner of the foundation of an edifice. In Masonic buildings it is now always placed in the north-east corner but this rule was not always observed. The symbolism of the corner stone when duly laid with Masonic rites is full of significance, which refer to its form, to its situation, to its permanence, and to its consecration. In Masonic symbolism, it signifies a true Mason, and therefore it is the first character which the Apprentice is made to represent after his initiation has been completed. The question now is why the north and the east? In its situation it lies between North, the place of darkness, and the East, the place of Light, and hence this position is symbolic of the Masonic progress from Darkness to Light, and from ignorance to knowledge. The permanence of the cornerstone is intended to remind the Mason that, when this earthly house of his tabernacle shall have passed away, he has within him a sure foundation of eternal life a cornerstone of immortality. There is much more that we can discuss about cornerstone laying by the Masonic Fraternity, do your research and learn what the significance is. We have an opportunity on May 22, 2010 to witness a corner stone being laid at a new school in Sahuarita, AZ. Grand Lodge will open at Green Valley Lodge #71 at 10 AM and then proceed to the school which is located adjacent to Sahuarita Park (not far from the Lodge). If attending wear your apron a dark suit, for Grand Lodge Officers a tux is appropriate.

### COMMENTS FROM THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER (DDGM)

I am very proud to be of service to the Lodges in District #9. Lodges are busy working on making new Masons, holding dinners before meetings and sharing in fellowship that is one of the main stays of Freemasonry. All lodges have submitted their per capita dues and year end reports on time which is a testament to their administration of the Lodge. The 128th Grand Lodge Annual meeting is scheduled for June 3 - 5, 2010 at the Doubletree Hotel in Tucson. This is a great experience for those who have not attended a Grand Lodge session and I encourage those who have not attended to do so.

For the Lodge Officers, to include the appointed Officers, I strongly encourage each of you to attend even if you only make the Saturday session.

The MWGM Michael T. Bishop is going out of office and

being a Past Master of two Lodges in Cochise County this is a very special event and I know that he would be very pleased to have Masons from Cochise County Lodges present. I have scheduled a quarterly meeting with the Master and Wardens from Lodges in District #9 on April 3rd starting at 9:30 AM in Huachuca Lodge #53. I encourage these Officers to attend and we'll discuss the role of the DDGM in your lodges, education, Grand Lodge programs, communications and the progressive line to name just a few subjects we'll discuss. This is an open forum and I encourage questions that affect your lodges and the community. Breakfast will be ready at 8 AM. Camp Stone Lodge #77 is now a day light Lodge. Mark your calendars for the second Saturday of each month with breakfast at 8 AM and Lodge will open at 9:30 AM. Many of us have talked about a daylight lodge for years and finally one is here. But, if not supported by the Membership and other Masons it will not survive. There are open positions right now and if you can help by either joining the Lodge or pro tempore let the Lodge Master WM Ralph Hooten know soonest.

**ELECTA CHAPTER No. 51, ORDER of the EASTERN STAR Electa Chap #51, OES** has scheduled their Tenth Annual High Tea for May 2nd, 2010 with two seating, 12:30 and 3 PM. Tickets are available for \$12.00. This High Tea has a very good reputation for good, no great food all sweet, with very nice TLC seating. They expect the tickets to go fast so if you are interested contact the Chairwoman Sister Bessie Adkins or Sister Bonnie Anderson, don't wait.

### THE 2010 BOOK OF LODGES (Yellow cover)

Each year the lodges in Arizona receive from the Grand Lodge a book listing lodges for each state and country. This list of lodges lists the lodges that are recognized by the Grand Lodge in each state and country. The importance of this book is that it is to be readily available at the Tyler's station so when a visitor is being investigated, or affiliating, his lodges dues card, with the lodge name on it, is crossed check with this book of lodges to validate his lodge and that it is recognized by our Grand Lodge. If the lodge is listed he then goes to the investigation committee for further investigation before being permitted into our Lodge. This book also lists those Prince Hall Lodges recognized by Grand Lodges. The Arizona Grand Lodge does not recognize the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of California. As you can tell this book becomes very important in determining who can attend our lodge meetings. It is important that we protect this book and have it available at the Tyler's station at all meetings.



## Masonic Activities

by Bro. Andrew Anderson

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| <p>1 Apr Perfect Ashlar Lodge #12 stated meeting at 7 PM, dinner at 6 PM.</p> <p>1 Apr Electa Chap #51 OES stated meeting at 7 PM.</p> <p>3 Apr Cochise Scottish Rite Club breakfast / meeting at 8 AM at Huachuca Lodge #53. Degree practice for the 31* will be discussed. We are scheduled to perform the 31* in Phoenix on May 15th.</p> <p>3 Apr District Deputy Grand Master #9 meeting of all Masters, Wardens and Guest starting at 9:30 AM to be held at Huachuca Lodge #53.</p> <p>5 Apr King Solomon Lodge #5 stated meeting at 7 PM. Dinner at 5:30 at the Long Horn restaurant.</p> <p>6 Apr Pearl of Venus #6 OES stated meeting at 2 PM in Bisbee.</p> <p>7 Apr Huachuca Lodge #53 stated meeting at 7 PM, dinner at 6 PM.</p> <p>8 Apr Willcox Lodge #10 stated meeting at 7 PM, dinner at 6 PM.</p> <p>9 Apr Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club #703 monthly meeting at the SV Elks Lodge starting at 5:30 PM. Meeting is open to everyone. Come and enjoy the Friday Nite Fish Fry.</p> | <p>10 Apr Camp Stone Lodge #77 stated meeting at 9:30 AM. Meeting is held at Huachuca Lodge #53. Breakfast at 8 AM.</p> <p>10 Apr Cochise County CHIP (Child Identification Program) activity at Huachuca Lodge #53 starting at 12:30 PM. Volunteers are needed to operate this program. POC Bro. Jim Elliston at (520) 378-2711.</p> <p>13 Apr Mt Moriah Lodge #19 stated meeting at 7 PM, dinner at 6 PM.</p> <p>14 Apr Huachuca Lodge #53 Entered Apprentice degree at 7 PM, dinner at 6 PM.</p> <p>15 Apr Electa Chap #51 OES stated meeting at 7 PM.</p> <p>16 Apr George W. Prioleau Lodge #13, PHA stated meeting at 7 PM.</p> <p>17 Apr Camp Stone Lodge #77 Special Master Mason degree at 9:30 AM. Meeting will be held at Huachuca Lodge #53 with breakfast at 8 AM.</p> <p>17 Apr Huachuca Shrine Club monthly meeting at 5:30 PM. POC Bro. Tom Jones at (520) 378-6399.</p> <p>17 Apr SABBAR Shrine Ceremonial in Tucson. Star time 9 AM.</p> <p>20 Apr Pearl of Venus Chap #6 OES stated meeting at 2 PM in Tombstone.</p> |
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### THE ALMONER

The job of the Almoner is to ensure that the needs of the distressed Brethren are determined and acted upon. Freemasonry makes every member a potential Almoner. The Almoner should therefore be just a co-ordinator at the right time. Those of us who attend the Tucson Shrine donations made by each present at the closing of the meeting look to the Master of the Lodge to serve as the Almoner.

by Bro. Andrew Anderson



# Trestleboard

Huachuca Lodge No. 53 F & A M

- 20 Apr Adoniram Council #14, Cryptic Masons stated meeting at 7 PM.
- 20 Apr Coronado Chap #20, Royal Arch Masons stated meeting at 7 PM.
- 21 Apr Huachuca Lodge #53 Fellowcraft degree at 7 PM, dinner at 6 PM.
- 22 Apr Tucson Lodge of Perfection, dinner at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM. A Ladies program is scheduled. Bring a food item for the Food Bank.
- 24 Apr Camp Stone Lodge #77 Entered Apprentice degree at 9:30 AM, breakfast at 8 AM.
- 26 Apr San Pedro Lodge #55 stated meeting at 7 PM, dinner at 6 PM.
- 27 Apr Burning Taper Commandery #15, Knights Templar stated meeting at 7 PM.
- 28 Apr Huachuca Lodge #53 TBA.

### SPECIAL DATES IN MAY & JUNE

- 1 May Camp Stone Lodge #77 (CHANGE) stated meeting at 9:30, breakfast at 8 AM.
- 8 May King Solomon Lodge #5 Past Masters Day Master Mason degree, start time is 10 AM to follow will be lunch, longevity awards and announcing Mason of the Year. Lunch will be held at the Vigilante Hall, 22 W. Allen St, Tombstone AZ.

12 - 15 May

The Valley of Phoenix will host the Fifth Southwest Scottish Rite Regional Reunion in Phoenix. The Tucson May Reunion will take place at this Phoenix Valley. For information contact any Scottish Rite Mason.

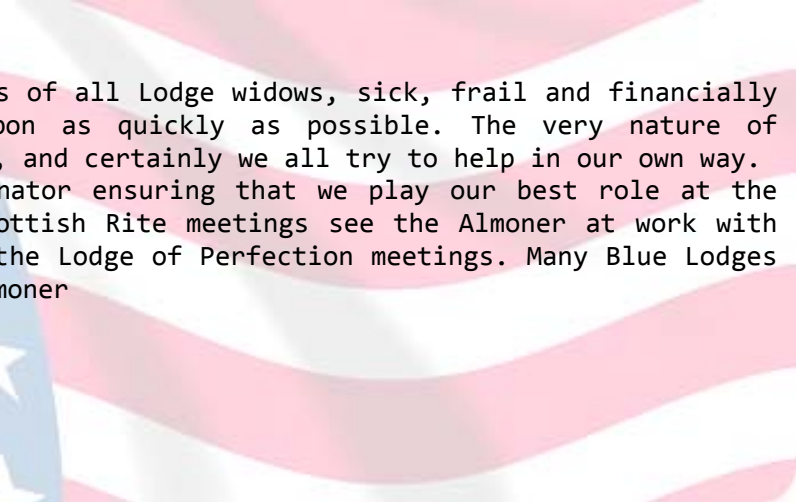
22 May AZ Grand Lodge Corner Stone laying assemble at Green Valley Lodge #71 at 10 AM.

3 - 5 Jun

AZ Grand Lodge Annual meeting in Tucson.

### GRAND LODGE IS COMING

The 128th Grand Lodge Communication will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 3rd, 4th, and 5th, in Tucson, at the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park. This is an opportunity for all in Southern Arizona to attend this "Grand" event. All Arizona Masons should attend Grand Lodge at least once in their Masonic career. Applications are available through the lodge secretary, or can be sent to you on-line





Initiation Fee is \$125  
 Includes Embroidered Fez;  
 Copy of your Blue Lodge  
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Petition For Initiation And Membership

Altan Kol

Grotto

**Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets  
 of the  
 Enchanted Realm**

To the Monarchs and Prophets of Altan Kol ..... Grotto:

The subscriber respectfully represents that he is a Master Mason in good standing and wishes to offer himself as a candidate for the mysteries of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, and if found eligible, promises to cheerfully conform to all the established usages, customs, and regulations of the Order and to the By-Laws of Altan Kol ..... Grotto.

PRINT YOUR NAME IN FULL

What is your age ..... Date of birth .....

Where born ..... State of .....

Where do you reside .....

What is your P.O. Address where communications shall be sent .....

Your residence phone is ..... Business phone .....

Name and No. of Lodge .....

Located in .....

What is your occupation .....

Name and address of business .....

How long have you resided in the State .....

How long in City or Town where you now reside .....

Size of hat .....

Have you ever, to your knowledge or belief, presented a petition to, or been rejected in any Grotto of Veiled Prophets ..... If so, what Grotto .....

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? .....

Petitioner

PLEASE SIGN NAME IN FULL - NO INITIALS

Proposed, Recommended and Vouched for by Prophet .....

Date .....

FEE FOR THE ORDER MUST ACCOMPANY THIS PETITION

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