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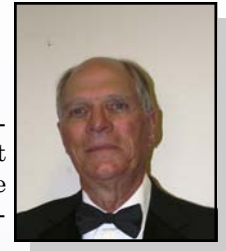
Huachuca Lodge No. 53 F & A M : Sierra Vista, AZ



Taking Good Men and Making Them Better



FROM THE EAST



Brethren,

Another Masonic year is underway. I am honored that the Brothers elected me as their new Master of Huachuca Lodge No. 53. Our Officer Installation was 12 December 2009. We had the honor of having Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Arizona, Michael T. Bishop, as our installing Master. It is heartwarming to have many of our new Brothers volunteer and accept positions within the Officer line and Lodge committees. Five of the Officers have less than two years as a Master Mason. In fact four of the new officers were raised during the past year 2009. I request all the Brothers, if within the length of their cable-tow, come to the Lodge and support the candidates and the Brothers performing the degree work.

I look forward to a great year. Our first Stated Meeting of the year will be January 6, 2010. With the support of all of our Past Masters and Brothers, we will have a great year. I personally thank the Electa Chapter 51, Order of the Eastern Star, who have agreed to continue providing refreshments for the evenings when we have degree work. Our Senior Warden, Brother Phillip Shulsky, worked with the Star last year, to have refreshments on degree nights. The Brothers appreciated the food provided by the Star last year, and look forward to the Star's entrees this year which complements our fellowship. The Junior Warden, Brother Jeff York, will be responsible for refreshments on all Stated Meeting nights.

We will continue having the Lodge open for training on Tuesdays 4:30 -6:00 pm with WB Andy Anderson et al, and on Wednesdays 5:30 – 7:00 pm we will have Brothers at the Lodge to allow prospective

concerted effort to give a friendly welcome to all Brothers and visitors. Let us all make it a point to introduce ourselves and welcome those individuals we do not know or recognize.

All Officers, Temple Management Board members, and Trustees have name tags. I have asked the Secretary, Brother Jim Elliston, to afford all the Brothers the opportunity to purchase name tags. Wearing name tags allows visitors and Brothers with bad memories like me, to be able to identify who we are greeting. Please get with the Secretary, Brother Jim, to order your name tag.

We have a new editor and publisher for our Trestle Board. Our newest Master Mason, Brother Everett Fitzgibbons volunteered to take over this important task. Contact Brother Everett and let him know what a great job he is doing.

Many of us will be attending the Masonic Leadership Academy in Tucson on 9 January 2010. This year the Academy is open to all Masonic bodies, and there are several different sessions available for all levels of Masonic interest. It is not too late to register. I strongly suggest as many Brothers that are available to sign up for this training (cost \$25). Contact the Secretary for registration forms.

Finally, on behalf of the Temple Management Board, they welcome and appreciate any Brothers that can assist in the operation, maintenance, repair and improvements of our Lodge facility. Contact Brother Bob Frankenfield, Chairman of the TMB, for those areas you are willing to assist. "Many hands make light of the work."

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Master this year. May God bless each one of you, our Troops, and loved ones.

Fraternally,

Harry C Brown
Worshipful Master
(520) 459 7136

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family the opportunity to meet informally with us. As we are taught in the first degree lecture, on the "principal of Brotherly love Masons unite men of every country, sect, and opinion, and causes true friendship to exist among those that might otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance." We should all make a

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FROM THE PAST MASTER



There are so many Brothers whom I would like to thank and so many people who have been instrumental in the success of the Lodge this year, but this article should note a swan song, nor an epic list of individual thanks their contributions. This article is my congratulations to the Lodge for the accomplishments it has made and an expression of my gratitude for the support I received this year.

The Order of the Eastern Star does deserve a special thanks for Huachuca 53. Those that have volunteered to support us on our degree nights have been instrumental in the success and increased participation at our degrees. It is my sincere hope that the Volunteers from the Electa #51 know that they are appreciated for their efforts and continue their support.

So there I was... Sitting at my Last official meeting in the East, a Master Mason degree on the ninth of December. Although I was overwhelmed with many thoughts and feeling at the stated meeting the week before, I was caught in reflection at this degree. I was amazed that the year went by as quickly as it did, saddened by the fact that the year was coming to an end, and proud of all of the great accomplishments of our Lodge over the past twelve months.

Truly, this was my last official meeting and it was a Master Mason Degree. There is no better way to close a year. I

reflected on the many new brothers we brought into the craft, who are eagerly pursuing their studies and participation in our activities. Our Lodge has grown more active and, I believe, closer together and although tempered with the sorrow of our losses, our community can be truly proud of the family that we have. Our departed Brothers are not gone, they are with us always. Our new Brothers do not replace them, but become a part of us as well.

As a family we have grown and as a family we move forward into this next year, supporting each other and supporting our community. In this vein we cannot fail. As a family our strength is eternal.

So now we enter into a new year and rather than hand the gavel to the new Master, pass the torch, and hope for the best, I view it as my duty, the duty of every member of Huachuca #53 and that of the entire Masonic Family to strive for stronger bonds, keep the fires lit, and continue the outstanding support.

With my deepest gratitude,

Matthew Mason Covell, PM

The Ideal of a Freemason

I greet you Brethren,

If you see a man who quietly and modestly moves in the sphere of his life; who, without blemish, fulfills his duty as a man, a subject, a husband and a father; who is pious without hypocrisy, benevolent without ostentation, and aids his fellowman without self-interest; whose heart beats warm for friendship, whose serene mind is open for licensed pleasures, who in vicissitudes does not despair, nor in fortune will be presumptuous, and who will be resolute in the hour of danger;

The man who is free from superstition and free from infidelity; who in nature sees the finger of the Eternal Master; who feels and adores the higher destination of man; to whom faith, hope and charity are not mere words without any meaning; to whom property, nay even life, is not too dear for the protection of innocence and virtue, and for the defense of truth;

The man who towards himself is a severe judge, but who is tolerant with the debilities of his neighbor; who endeavors to oppose errors without arrogance, and to promote intelligence without impatience; who properly understands how to estimate and employ his means; who honors virtue though it may be in the most humble garment, and who does not favor vice though it be clad in purple; and who administers justice to merit whether dwelling in palaces or cottages.

The man who, without courting applause, is loved by all noble-minded men, respected by his superiors and revered by his subordinates; the man who never proclaims what he has done, can do, or will do, but where need is will lay hold with dispassionate courage, circumspect resolution, indefatigable exertion and a rare power of mind, and who will not cease until he has accomplished his work, and

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FROM THE YEST

I greet you this month from my new station in the West. This year I will endeavor to live up to the description of my pillar, Strength: strength in our fraternity through education, ritual work, membership, and modernization.

Though I travel more now than before, I will fully support the open Lodge concept on Wednesday nights when we do not have "regular" business scheduled. At these gatherings short Masonic topics can be discussed to increase knowledge and understanding. I hope that Masons young and old will attend. The more experienced Brothers have a vast amount of information to pass on to our less informed Brothers, myself included.

The ritual work performed in our Lodge is outstanding, but can be improved. As they say, the devil is in the details. Ritual practice is offered by W.B. Andy Anderson every Tuesday at 4:30. I will continue to support this, and encourage everyone else as well. Further, constructive criticism after Lodge meetings can be expected. I also hope that many of you will volunteer to fill new positions in our degree work.

The Lodge is not just a building; it is the larger collection of men who happen to meet there. To that end, we need to continue to bring good men into our fraternity and maintain and support our current membership. This includes

The Secretary's Corner

I would like to congratulate our new Chair Officers WM Harry Brown, Bro. Phillip Shulsky and Bro. Jeffrey York. They, along with the newly raised Brothers from last year who have stepped up to committee and leadership positions will help lead us through the next year. I am sure they will provide all of us with some new challenges and opportunities to improve ourselves and the Lodge.

Thank you to those that have been able to take care of their 2010 dues. If you have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible. The Lodge has some heavy expenses coming at the beginning of the year and we need your support. If you need help, advise the Master or myself so we can look for available solutions. Be assured that this information will be held in confidence.

I appreciate having the opportunity to serve as the Secretary this year. Along with Bro. Tim Dilts as assistant

those who are not able (for whatever reason) to attend in person. I hope to re-establish a "call roster" for moral and welfare checks remembering the project started two years ago - "No Mason Left Behind." Additionally, I support the idea of a day-light Lodge in Cochise County for those who cannot drive at night.



Lastly is modernization. We already have several projects underway. My intent is to recommend an upgrade the secretary's office, specifically a new computer and internet access. Additionally, management of our Lodge website has transferred to Bro Everett Fitzgibbons as has the Lodge newsletter. Bro. Fitzgibbons has some new ideas, which is why I think it is critical to involve all our new Brothers in the various facets of our business. These new ideas do not usurp our ancient and honorable institution. They do however keep us relevant to the times. If we do not grow, we will fade into the west.

Thank you for your vote of confidence in November. I hope that I will live up to most of the expectations you have of me.

Bro. Phillip Shulsky
Senior Warden

Secretary, we will do our best in keeping the records up to date. We need your assistance in keeping us advised of your contact information (phones, email and address). Please remember to keep us and the Lodge advised of sickness and distress in your family and of the Brothers;

We are here to help.

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.

*Please take care of
your 2010 dues.*

Bro. Jim Elliston
Lodge Secretary
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FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Brethren,

First I'd Like to say, it is an honor for me to serve Huachuca Lodge # 53 as Junior Warden this upcoming year. I will do my best and would appreciate and welcome any help and advice from my older brothers.

The topic this month shall be refreshments. We will continue to enjoy refreshments and fellowship prior to the stated meetings and degree nights. I would like to see all the brethren come to these events and partake.

Degree night meals will be provided by the order of the Eastern Star Electa Chapter # 51. I have no doubt that

FROM THE EDITOR

Being Editor of the Trestleboard is an honor and privilege, and I wish to thank the brethren of Cochise County and especially Huachuca Lodge #53 for their support in this endeavor.

Thank all who have contributed to the Trestleboard especially Brothers Al Camacho, Andrew Anderson, and Phillip Shulsky who have provided not only content but also direction and advise. Without your help, this Trestleboard would not be the same.

Brother Phillip Shulsky and his wife Sharon have done an outstanding job with the Trestleboard in 2009, and I hope I can continue to provide the valued content our members deserve and expect. Please extend a hearty thank you to Brother Phillip and his wife Sharon when you see them.

Congratulations to the elected and appointed officers for 2010. We have an outstanding leadership team this year, and I look forward to serving them and the brotherhood. Worshipful Master Harry Brown was my friend at the Elks Lodge before I became a Mason, and he is my friend and mentor now. I cannot say enough about the quality of WM Harry's character. Lets all give the WM all the support we can.

Please continue providing content for the upcoming Trestleboards. If possible, I would like to include more information from our Masonic Family and abroad. Ideas for improvement are welcome and encouraged.

Next Month, I will include a section on outreach and its importance in Freemasonry. Contributions to this topic would be greatly appreciated. Remember, freedom begins with education and awareness.



the meals will be most delicious as always. Brethren please bring your families to the degree night meals as there is always an open invite.

Thanks to all the brothers for their help and support. And as I look forward to the future of Huachuca # 53, I see great things.

Bro. Jeffrey K. York
Junior Warden

Did you know?

In the early 1950s in Colorado, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States initiated a program to help children with speech and language disorders. The results obtained from this program led to the establishment of Rite Care clinics to provide diagnostic evaluation and treatment of speech and language disorders, as well as learning disabilities.

Courtesy of WBR Andrew Anderson

From The Editor, continued

Happy New Year, and lets all have fun!

Bro. Everett Fitzgibbons
Editor

Question of the Month

by Bro. Andrew Anderson

Dec 2009 Question: "What are Sororal groups in the Masonic family."

Answer: Sororal organizations are groups for women only, although membership requires some sort of Masonic connection.

Jan 2010 Question: "What is the twenty-fifth Landmark of Freemasonry? and it's meaning?" We know there are twenty-five (minimum) but the last one is really interesting especially in today's society.

Trestleboard

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 Everett F. Fitzgibbons was raised to Master Mason on December 19th, 2009. Everett was initiated on March 12, 2008. After recovering from a broken neck on May 28, he was passed to Fellowcraft on September 17, 2008. Everett relocated to Phoenix for work in October 2008 and returned to the Sierra Vista area in September 2009 at which time he focused on his 3rd degree proficiencies.

Degree Work

On 20 January, Daryl L. Hosler II will be passed to Fellowcraft. Please plan on attending as this will be a shining moment for Daryl and the brotherhood alike.

I've only known Daryl for a short time and am quite impressed with his dedication. Daryl regularly attends many Masonic activities including stated meetings, weekly open-house, and installations. Daryl is always willing to lend a helping hand, and he is becoming quite knowledgeable in the craft and the history of the same.

Congratulations Daryl! Keep up the good work!



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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

The Ideal of a Freemason

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then, without pretension, will retire into the multitude because he did the good act, not for himself, but for the cause of good!

If you, my Brethren meet such a man, you will see the personification of brotherly love, relief and truth; and you will have found the ideal of a Freemason.

General

The Breakfast Club

For those who are not aware, a group of area masons meet at the Landmark Café every Friday for breakfast at 7:00 AM. It's a no stress gathering, just for fellowship, and maybe a few war stories.



Committee Schedules

As this is the beginning of a new year for our lodge and thus for our newly elected officers, some of our committees are still formulating their plans for this year. Therefore, all committee schedules are withheld in this month's newsletter. Schedules will be communicated during the month of January as they are determined. The February issue of the Trestleboard will provide a consolidated schedule for all committees.

One Exception: The Temple Management Board has their first meeting scheduled for January 14th.

Huachuca Lodge Website

Please visit our website at <http://www.huachuca53.org> each month as new information is posted to include the calendar of events and the monthly Trestleboard.

Upcoming Events

Specific Dates will be provided in our event calendar as they become available. We will have an Honored Lady's event in February and the Mason of the Year ceremony in June celebrating all of Cochise County.

Education

Brother Jeffrey York, Junior Warden, will provide a lecture on the Rods this upcoming stated meeting.

Reads and References (R&R)

Reads and References is a new section of the Trestleboard. Its purpose is to recommend anything literary or reference-able with regard to the Craft. This new section will begin in the February Trestleboard. Please submit recommendations to Brother Everett Fitzgibbons at Everett.Fitzgibbons@gmail.com.



Information

Who's Who in Freemasonry

Who's Who in Freemasonry is another new section to the Trestleboard. Its purpose is one of recognition and education, to honor those who have given so much and to convey historical significance to the craft. Worshipful Master Harry Brown provided the beginning list in a Trestleboard from last year. I ask all brethren and members of the Masonic family to please contribute to the growth of this list. This new section will begin in the February Trestleboard. Please submit recommendations to Brother Everett Fitzgibbons at Everett.Fitzgibbons@gmail.com.

Recognition and Appreciation

Brother Al Camacho, PM

At the end of my one year commitment to WB Covell and the Craft as Lodge Secretary; I want to personally thank Brother Elliston, Assistant Secretary, for all of his hard work, dedication, and support to me. Brother Jim, you made my life and job so much easier.

Brother Everett Fitzgibbons

Thank you Brother Bob Whitney for educating me on the Order of the Amaranth and for providing the content for the Trestleboard.

Thank you Brothers Andy Anderson and Al Camacho for your continued support and tireless contributions to the Craft. I will not venture to guess the hours you both spent searching for content and pictures for this Trestleboard. On top of everything else on your plates, you were there for me and I thank you.

Thank you WM Harry Brown for believing in me and mentoring me through the degree work and beyond.

Thank you Brother Matt Covell for being patient with me in my early degree work and for the knowledge and insight you have shared.

Thank you to all brethren for helping make this world a better place and better time.

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

"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."



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

My Brothers and Nobels,

The Scottish Rite Club will be, preparing for degree work for the Spring Reunion in Phoenix in May. Our next scheduled regular meeting will be Jan 2, 2010. We will have elected Club officers and know what degrees the Club will be involved in. There is always a need for Scottish Rite Brothers, to help out with these reunions. Actors, make-up, stage props and lighting and sound. The candidates and actors always appreciate sideliners.

The Huachuca Shrine Club has elected their officers for 2010. Yours truly was elected President, Carlos Garcia is VP, Chuck Fortner is Treasurer, and Nobel Eric Navarro is Secretary, after only four hours as a Nobel.

As we start out the year, remember my brothers a club is only as good as the members who support it. Its nice to see so many new Masons getting involved with the activities.

The next Shrine Club meeting will be January 16th, at 5:30 location TBA.

Hope to see you all in Lodge in 2010. Until the next newsletter, hope you all travel safely.

Fraternally,

Tom Jones

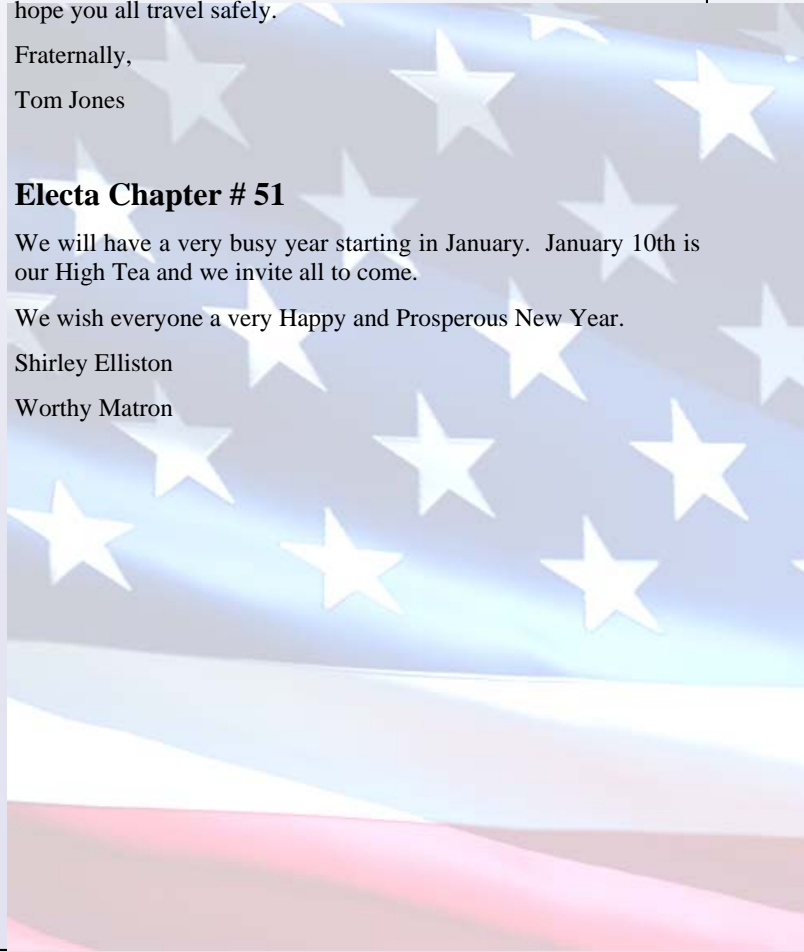
Electa Chapter # 51

We will have a very busy year starting in January. January 10th is our High Tea and we invite all to come.

We wish everyone a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Shirley Elliston

Worthy Matron





Communications

Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club #703

With the new year comes new officers of the High Twelve Club. The new President this year is Bro. Emerick Zavatsky and he has made some special plans this year.

The first is the January 15, 2010 Friday Night Fish Fry, or order off the menu, at Ivey's Family Restaurant at 1697 E. Fry Blvd, (next to Checker Automotive store) tel# (520) 732-7767 in Sierra Vista. This meeting is open to everyone and we hope you will attend. We have a special guest speaker lined up which we know you will find interesting. We ask that you arrive in time for the meeting to start at 5:30 PM.

On February 13, 2010 starting at 11:30 AM at Huachuca Lodge #53 we will Honor all Masonic Widows or Honored Ladies, as we prefer to address them, in Cochise County with a special lunch and more. We have asked each Lodge in Cochise County to provide Sponsors for the Honored Lady whose husband was a Member of that Lodge. This will be the 17th year that we have honored these special Ladies and we want everyone to know that you are invited to attend with or without an Honored Lady, it is open to all the Masonic Family and Guest. We ask that you let Andy know at (520) 234-3225 if you are attending to make sure we have enough food.

In March we have a Guest speaker from Green Valley to talk about preserving the wilderness that surrounds us, this beautiful desert. I have heard this talk before and it is interesting, how little we know about our surroundings.

High Twelve supports ALL Masonic Youth, come and be a part of it. travel safely

Andrew Anderson
Secretary
(520) 234-3225

Past Masters, cont.

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

* Celestial Lodge

Candidates

Jose A. Benitez, Sierra Vista	FC Apr 9, 2008
Paul F. Godlewski, Sierra Vista	EA Mar 26, 2008
Sean P. Carey, Fort Huachuca	EA Aug 27, 2008
Michael S. Lehnus, Benson	EA Feb 16, 2009
John D. Gentry, Sierra Vista	EA Feb 18, 2009
John E. Perez, Vail	EA Feb 18, 2009
Rory I. Watts, Fort Huachuca	EA Feb 18, 2009
Adam B. Pardee, Sierra Vista	EA Mar 16, 2009
Ronnie A. Haygood, Benson	EA Mar 31, 2009
David M. Janes, Sierra Vista	EA Apr 15, 2009
Daryl L. Hosler II, Sierra Vista	EA Oct 21, 2009
Joshua J. Wilson, Sierra Vista	EA Oct 28, 2009

Potential Candidates

Welcome to all the potential candidates and their families who have found interest in our fraternity. The brethren of Huachuca Lodge No. 53 and the brotherhood of all Freemasons extend our support in helping you learn more about our fraternity. Please do not hesitate contacting any one of the brotherhood should you have any questions. And, remember, we have open house every Wednesday starting at 5:00 PM. Don't forget to bring your family.

Potential Candidates include:

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| 1. Brad Benton | 7. Beau Leonard |
| 2. Kris Capas | 8. Aarron Light |
| 3. Larry Colby | and wife Auzhs |
| and wife Anna | 9. Warren Scherer |
| 4. David Craft | 10. Joshua Shepard |
| 5. Kevin Glodava | 11. Gus Weinschenker |
| and wife Trish | and wife Alberta-Myrt |
| 6. Eugene Guzzi | |



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. 27th St., Tucson, AZ 85713-2416. Home (520) 881-1001, Cell (520) 349-2641, Email: 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.

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

December 2009

Phillip R. Shulsky
 Donald B. Handy
 Robert B. Hooper
 Jeffrey K. York
 Joshua J. Wilson
 Lindsey C. Botkin
 Ralph A. DeLeon
 Billy J. Martin
 Jeffrey S. Siirtola
 Robert S. Wilson
 Jose A. Benitez

January 2010

Floyd B. Piper
 Clarence A. McComber
 Horace G. Armitage
 Steven L. McNeil
 Harry M. Tungate
 Paul N. Bell
 Daniel W. Arnold
 Dennis C. Farris
 J. I. McClelland
 John E. Perez
 Richard A. Lund

Anniversaries

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

December

Eldon D. Jefferson..... 12/13/1961
 Billy O. Howard 12/04/1968
 Danie S. Vannoy 12/14/1977
 William P. Harnack 12/12/1979
 Robert L. Frampton 12/10/1980
 James R. Leclair 12/14/1993
 Eugene F. Rodriguez..... 12/11/1996
 Paul N. Bell 12/29/2001
 Robert E. Whitney 12/29/2001
 Al . Camacho 12/17/2003
 Jason H. Zibart 12/12/2007
 Everett F. Fitzgibbons 12/19/2009

January

Bruce R. Youmans 01/09/1975
 Andrew M. Anderson 01/22/1976
 William C. Pollock, Jr. 01/10/1979
 Melvin M. Ugalde..... 01/30/1980
 Jeffery M. Hass 01/02/1985
 Floyd B. Piper..... 01/22/1986
 James A. Stephens..... 01/10/2001
 Ian M. Rice 01/28/2009



Cochise County Lodges

	Huachuca Lodge #53	Tombstone Lodge #5	Perfect Ashlar Lodge #12	Campstone Lodge #77
Worshipful Master	Harry Brown	Bruce Wood	Joseph G. Linden	Ralph Hooten
Senior Warden	Phillip Shulsky	Peter Criscuolo	Christian D. Linden	EJ Zaeasky
Junior Warden	Jeffrey York	Fred Sandlin	Ward C. Desplinter	-
Secretary	Jim Elliston	Andrew Anderson	Bobby B. Watkins	Al Camacho
Treasurer	Charles Fortner	Ralph Hooten	Edward F. White	Robert Frankenfield
Senior Deacon	Eric Coulson	Kenn Barrett	Joseph C. Transfaglia Jr	Charles Moses
Junior Deacon	Eric Navarro	Paul Weishaupt	Chris Lamott	Lindsey Bokins
Senior Steward	Ian Rice	Frank Belluardo	Frank Belluardo	-
Junior Steward	Tom Jones	Arthur Montgomery	Pete Stevens	-
Chaplain	Johnnie Wagener	Johnnie Wagener	Craig Wilkins	-
Tyler	Steven Ziegler	Billy Martin	Fred L. Bruner	-
Marshal	Robert Frampton	L. Dale Waldron	Willie Jones	-

	Mt Moriah Lodge #19	Wilcox Lodge #10	San Pedro Lodge #55	Nogales Lodge #11
Worshipful Master	Win Miller			
Senior Warden	Jim Burns			
Junior Warden	Tim Behle			
Secretary	Roy Peters			
Treasurer	Neel Overman			
Senior Deacon	Allen Walker			
Junior Deacon	Ron Brown			
Senior Steward	Frank Belluardo			
Junior Steward	Pete Stevens			
Chaplain	JA Brittain			
Tyler	Dennis Daugherty			
Marshal	Walt Cleveland			

*Information coming soon —
will be provided in February
Trestleboard if not sooner.*



Trestleboard

Huachuca Lodge No. 53 F & A M

2010 Installations

pictures courtesy of Al Camacho, PM



Worshipful Master Harry Brown presented by WB Ralph Hooten. Also pictured are Senior Warden Jeffrey York and Junior Steward Thomas Jones.



WM Harry Brown accepting his new position as Worshipful Master. On his left is our Grand Master of the State of Arizona, MWB Michael Bishop and our Grand Chaplain, WB Johnnie Wagener.



MWB Michael Bishop congratulates WM Harry Brown and wishes him well.

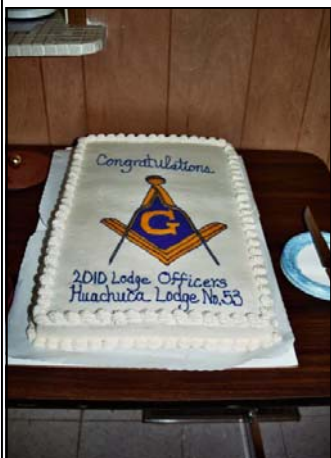


Masonic leadership at its best. We were honored to have four (4) distinguished Grand Lodge officers attend and perform the installation. From left, MWB Michael Bishop, WB Ralph Hooten, WB Andrew Anderson and WB Johnnie Wagener.



2010 Installations

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Best part of the dinner—the sugar! One of the benefits of being a Mason. I personally had to add an extra mile to my daily walk after this meal.



Junior Warden Jeffrey York poses with MWB Michael Bishop after the installation.



Junior Warden Jeffrey York and Senior Deacon Ian Rice proudly displaying their jewels of office.

Special thanks to the Order of the Eastern Star Electa Chapter #51 for all their hard work providing the celebratory meal.

As always, the ladies prepared an outstanding dish with a beautiful cake to boot. Please extend a warm thank you to all the next time you see them.



WM Harry Brown posing with MWB Michael Bishop after the installation.



Some of the brethren enjoying the nice meal provided by Electa Chapter #51. Against the wall are brothers Gene Bull, WB Charles Frotner, Dale Waldron, and WB Johnnie Wagener. In front of Brother Gene is WB Robert Whitney.



2010 Installations

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Members of the Masonic family enjoying good conversation while eating. Events like this bring the family together—we should do it more often.

From the right, WB Ralph Hooten, WB Pete Gillespie, Cathy LeClair and BR Harry Tounget.



Food, Forethought and Fun—what a picture.

From the left, Brother James Elliston, Brother Eric Navarro, and Brother Everett Fitzgibbons.



As Brother Al Camacho says smile for the camera, we have from the Right Brother James Elliston and his wife Shirley and Bonnie Anderson.



In the rear, WB Billy Martin, WB Andrew Anderson, and Gene Bull. In the front, Brother EJ Emerick.



In Memoriam

Wesley Collis 'W.C.' Dean Aug. 3, 1921 - Dec. 12, 2009

Wesley Collis "W.C." Dean, born Aug. 3, 1921, in Iowa Park, Texas, died Saturday Dec. 12, 2009, after a short illness. He was a resident of Sierra Vista, Ariz., since 1995.



He was preceded in death by his son, Wesley, and is survived by his wife, Sylvia; daughter, Mary (William Spaulding); son, Roy (Jacqueline), and daughter-in-law, Dr. Kaye Dean; his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He served in the Navy submarine service during World War II, and afterwards worked for the Southern Pacific Railroad, then retired from the Department of Defense in 1988.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Mesilla, N.M., since 1949.

Services were held at the Veterans Cemetery on base on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009.

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

Lester Wilmarth July 30, 1916 – Dec. 6, 2009

Lester N. Wilmarth, 93, a 42-year resident of Sierra Vista, Ariz., passed away Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009.

Les was born July 30, 1916, in Center, Colo., to Sidney S. and Dora V. Wilmarth.



Les loved to tinker with his computer and ham radio. He was an avid Arizona Diamondbacks fan and a supporter of U of A athletics. Les served his country in the U.S. Air Force and retired as a lieutenant colonel. He also worked 11 years in civil service.

Les is survived by his wife of 68 years, Ila Mae Wilmarth of Sierra Vista; daughters, Lee (Monty) Gosney and Lyn Hart (Jim Warner); a special granddaughter, Denise (Luis) Valle; four grandsons, Omar (OJ) (Sadie Robinson) Gonzales, Brad Gonzales, Randy Gonzales and Doug Dutton; two granddaughters, Debbie Martin and DeeDee Stevens; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Eddie; his parents; two brothers and a sister.

A visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009, at Jensen's Sierra Vista Mortuary, 5515 S. Highway 92. Graveside service with military honors and with *Grave Side Masonic service, courtesy of: Huachuca Lodge #53, F&AM*, will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009, at Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1300 Buffalo Soldiers Trail.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Les' memory to American Cancer Society Memorials, 1636 N. Swan, Ste. 151, Tucson AZ 85712.

Les was a 50 + year Master Mason



The Masonic Funeral Service

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Regarding Masonic Funerals, Article 24 of the Missouri Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws reads thusly:

"Masonic Funeral Services may be conducted for a Master Mason in good standing or for a Fellow Craft or Entered Apprentice who shall not have not received such degree more than one (1) year prior to the date of his death, provided, however, that in the event of extenuating circumstances satisfactory to the Master, Masonic Funeral Services may also be conducted for a Master Mason who shall have been suspended for nonpayment of dues for not more than one (1) year immediately prior to the date of his death or for a Brother who shall have been a Fellow Craft or Entered Apprentice for more than one (1) year prior to the date of his death." Section 24.010. Funeral Services (Amended 1978-57).

With that bit of obligatory "legalese" out of the way, let us examine the more important aspects of our Masonic Funeral Service. For it is not our Masonic Law, but our actions and deeds that are of any real significance when the Great Architect of the Universe calls one of our Brothers to the Celestial Grand Lodge on High.

There are few occasions when Freemasons may perform their public ceremonies, e.g., cornerstone layings, open installation of officers, the periodic public educational program, and so on. By far, the most common is our Masonic Funeral Service. It is at this time that most non-Masons are introduced to Freemasonry -- perhaps, for the very first time. It is at and during that somber service that most people present will form their opinion and perception of our Fraternity. Not being members of our Ancient Craft, and generally knowing very little about Freemasonry, they are often very curious as to who we are, what we stand for, and what is it that we believe in as an organization.

Conducting Masonic Funeral Services is as old as the Fraternity itself. In the days of Operative Masonry, stonemasons buried their own with great solemnity and reverence. The deceased Brother was a man they had worked with side-by-side for years -- perhaps, even their entire lives. They extolled his virtues and the contributions he had made to the Craft's work. They spoke of the Eternal Life after death, and the need to perform "goode worke" toward all humanity throughout the course of a man's life. The entire guild and all of their families turned out in force to mourn their Brother's passing, and to express their sympathies to the Brother's family. This tradition has been carried forward for centuries to our present day Speculative Masonry.

The first thing any non-Mason will observe is the size of the turnout. If it is small, they may conclude that his Lodge did not hold the deceased Brother in very high esteem. Or, even worse, that Freemasons are much too busy with their own private lives and interests to practice the tenets of Charity and Brotherly Love of which we so loudly boast. In other words, they may conclude that we do not practice what we preach. If the turnout is large, the non-Mason is likely to come away with a very different impression of both the Fraternity and the deceased Brother.

Always remember that a Masonic Funeral Service is the final tribute we can pay to our fallen Brother. That is the appropriate time to thank the Brother's family for allowing him to share his time on Earth with our Fraternity. No, you may not have known the





Brother personally, but if he was a member of your Lodge, he certainly deserves your presence at his funeral service. If he was a Brother, then he is entitled to all of the "lights, rights and benefits" of being a Freemason -- and that certainly includes a well-attended Masonic Funeral Service. Attending these services are, in many ways, just as important as attending Lodge meetings -- perhaps, even more so, because, as we can do nothing more for our Brother, the Funeral Service is really for the benefit of the deceased Brother's family and friends, and it exhibits our genuine care and concern for one of our own.

For those that may have forgotten, the Masonic Funeral Service is one of the most beautiful pieces of literature ever written. Simple, honest, and straight-forward, it offers each of us an opportunity to reflect upon our own mortality, and to reaffirm our individual faith in the Supreme Grand Master of Heaven and Earth. It draws forth its inspiration and words of comfort not only from our Volume of Sacred Law, but also from many of the world's greatest literary geniuses. No one can listen to our service and not be impacted by the gentle, yet powerful, words that touch the heart of every person present -- both Mason and non-Mason alike.

Consider the sobering passage from our Masonic Funeral Service: "One by one they pass away, the Brothers of our adoption, the Companions of our choice. A Brother whose hand we have clasped in the bonds of Fraternal Fellowship is now passing from our sight, and we know that we shall meet him on Earth no more."

One day, and we know not when, each one of us will be that Brother who has passed from sight. One day, each one of us will have ended our journey in this life. As your then cold and lifeless body is commended to the grave eternal, will you want your Masonic Brethren to be present and among those that mourn you, and to offer comfort and consolation to your loved ones?



As stated in our funeral service, you can do nothing more of a material nature for the departed Brother. Nevertheless, you can cherish his memory, and offer the tribute of respect and love to the late Brother's memory. Of even greater importance, you can be there to extend our fraternal sympathy to our Brother's deeply afflicted and sorrowing family in their bereavement. We must tell his loved ones, and demonstrate it by our physical presence, that our promises to be true to them are not hollow or empty words. We owe our Brother something, and this may be the very last opportunity we will ever have to repay that debt.

Brethren, if you receive a call from your Lodge or see a Masonic Funeral Notice in your local newspaper, take the 20 or 30 minutes out of your busy lives to make this final act of respect and tribute. No, you may not have personally known the Brother, but he was your Brother and that alone is enough to justify making the effort to attend and to demonstrate to the world that we Freemasons do, in fact, sincerely care about each other -- both in life and in death.



Each of us will one day cross death's threshold. After spending years in the Masonic Fraternity, how would you feel if most of your Lodge Brothers were too occupied with their own self-interests to attend your Masonic Funeral Service? How will your loved ones feel about the organization you belonged to for so many years cannot even muster more than a small handful of members to stand around your casket?

This is one obligation and commitment that each of us should earnestly strive to fulfill even if we cannot always attend Lodge meetings. Let us demonstrate before the world that we are men who practice Brotherly Love -- all the way to the grave's edge.

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Masonic Colors & Their Symbolism

From Mighty Peace Masonic District, AF&AM, Grand Lodge of Alberta

COLORS HAVE SO LARGE a place in the customs of the craft that inevitably the question arises "did ancient symbolism inspire the colors of Masonry or were they chosen and the symbolism then found to fit them?" Many years ago a writer who went deeply into the question came to the conclusion that the English Grand Lodge, in choosing the colors of its clothing, was guided mainly by the colors associated with the Noble Orders of the Garter and the Bath. This idea is more or less confirmed by the late Henry Sadler, an authority universally respected, who said "Having looked at the matter from every conceivable point of view, I have failed to think of a more favorable explanation." We must conclude, therefore that Freemasonry's colors were no more derived from ancient symbolism than were the colors of the liturgical vestments of the Christian Church derived from those of the Jewish Priests.

BLUE

It has been suggested by Bernard Jones that the deep blue color, Oxford Blue, was borrowed from the ribbon of the Most Noble Order of the Garter. When the garter was instituted by Edward III about 1348 and reconstituted in 1805 and 1831, it was a light blue. However after the ascension of George I in 1714, this light blue was changed to the present deep blue to distinguish the color of the Order from that which the Stuarts in banishment on the continent had conferred on their adherents. Our constitution refers to this color as garter blue. The light blue of private lodge clothing was deliberately chosen to contrast with and mark the difference from the deep blue of Grand Lodge clothing. It is also referred to as azure blue, the cerulean blue or, as in our Constitution, as sky blue. Universally, blue denotes immortality, eternity, chastity, and fidelity. Pale or light blue in particular represents prudence and goodness. In Freemasonry, blue is the emblem of universal brotherhood and friendship and instructs us that in the mind of a Mason those virtues should be as

extensive as the blue arch of Heaven itself. Albert MacKay confirms this adding that while not only is blue the color of the vault of heaven, which embraces and covers the globe, we are reminded that in the breast of every brother, brotherly love and friendship should be equally as extensive. Among the religious institutions of the ancient Jews blue was a chief religious color - the High Priest had a blue robe, as well as a blue ribbon for his breastplate and blue for the plate of the miter. One of the veils of the tabernacle was of a blue color, which represented air. The Hebrew word used on these occasions to designate the color blue or purple blue is known as tekelet, and this word seems to have a singular reference to the symbolic character of the color, for it is derived from a root signifying perfection. MacKay adds that it is well known that, among the ancients' that initiation into the mysteries and perfection were synonymous terms. The appropriate color of the greatest of all the systems of initiation may well be designated by a word, which also signifies perfection. It is said that in the ancient days, the most solemn oaths were sworn on blue altars.

The Egyptians esteemed blue as a sacred color and the body of Amun, the principal god of their theology, was painted light blue to imitate his perfectly exalted and heavenly nature. The ancient Babylonians clothed their idols in blue, as we learn from the prophet Jeremiah (x,9). The Chinese, in their mystical philosophy, represented blue as the symbol of their deity because, being as they say compounded of black and red, this color is a fit representation of the obscure and the brilliant, the male and female or active and passive principles. The Hindus assert that their god, Vishnu was represented of a celestial or sky blue, thus indicating that wisdom emanating from God was to be symbolized by this color. Among the Druids, blue represented truth.

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The use of this color has led to the three degrees of Freemasonry being called the blue degrees or Blue Masonry, conferred in a Blue Lodge.

WHITE

Conventionally, whatever it is technically, white is a color. In the Craft and throughout the world it is a natural emblem of purity, truth, innocence, and hope. It is first met in Freemasonry in the white lambskin apron, which is the badge of innocence and bond of friendship. It can also be symbolic of regeneration or resurrection. Biblical references in support of this are many.

VIOLET AND PURPLE

These are closely related to Blue. The Bible has many references to purple, which symbolizes regal apparel and richness. The New Testament speaks of "a seller of purple" (Acts xvi,14). The Book of Numbers says, "they shall spread a purple cloth on the altar" (iv 13). The Book of Judges refers to the purple raiment of the Kings of Midian (viii, 26). At the crucifixion of Christ the soldiers of Pilate, as an act of derision, "planted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head and they put on him a purple robe" (John xix,2). Universally violet and purple are the emblems of regal grief and death, but in addition violet conveys the idea of penitence, and purple the ideas of royalty, justice and temperance. In Freemasonry, but on a purely technical ground, purple has been called the emblem of union, because the union of blue and red forms it.



RED, CRIMSON AND SCARLET

In Freemasonry, the one color crimson represents all these three colors. Universally, red is the emblem of faith, fortitude, divine love, magnanimity, and in its suggestion of blood, martyrdom. The Bible refers to both scarlet and crimson as liturgical colors. In Freemasonry scarlet is the emblem of high dignity, fervency and zeal, particularly in the Royal Arch.

GREEN

Green has always been regarded as the symbol of gladness and abundance and has been directly associated with ideas of resurrection and immortality, even of victory. In the allied degrees it is a symbol of the moral resurrection of the candidate, teaching him that being dead to vice he should hope to revive in virtue. It is employed as a symbol of immortal truth which, like the Bay tree, will ever flourish in immortal green. The idea of the unchanging immortality of that which is divine and true was always connected with the color green. Among the Egyptians, the god Phtha, the active spirit, the creator and regenerator of the world, the goddess Pascht, the Divine preserver and Thoth, the instructor of men in the sacred doctrines of truth were all painted in the hieroglyphic system with green flesh. To them it was also the symbol of hope. Green was, with the Druids, a symbol of hope and the virtue of hope with a Freemason illustrates the hope of immortality. In all the Ancient Mysteries, this idea was carried out, and green symbolized the birth of the world, the moral creation of the initiate. If we apply this to the evergreen, the acacia is the emblematic symbol of a new creation of the body and a moral and physical resurrection. The Bible has but few references to it as a liturgical





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color. In the Book of Esther, it mentions the green hangings in the King's palace, but uses green to indicate the products of the good earth, in this sense associated with plenty, the opposite of famine. Green has been adopted by a number of allied Masonic degrees whose teaching is closely associated with the immortality of divine truth. In the ancient mysteries, green stood for the moral birth or rebirth of the Initiate. The acacia or Masonic evergreen has been suggested as a symbol of a moral life of rebirth and also of immortality and is so used in the Masonic Memorial Service to a departed brother who has gone to the Grand Lodge Above. The Grand Lodge of Scotland has adopted thistle green as its emblematic color and a green ribbon or collar was part of the regalia of the Country Steward's Lodge, originally No. 540, which had a short life and was constituted in 1789 for the particular association of stewards charged with making arrangements for an annual festival that met out of London. Grand Lodge permitted the members to wear a special jewel suspended from a green ribbon or collar, the color having been chosen apparently because of its suggestion of the countryside. The members were also given the right to wear a green apron, a privilege withdrawn about 1797, although that of wearing the green collar was retained.

YELLOW, GOLD AND SILVER (imagine gold)

Yellow is used in Freemasonry only as gold, the symbol of the sun and therefore of constancy, while silver represents the moon. Universally, yellow has been held to represent jealousy, incontinence and treachery. But in heraldry whereas in masonry, yellow represents gold - its significance being entirely reversed.

BLACK

Different writers have different views on this color. According to Albert Mackey, black in the Masonic Ritual is constantly the sign of grief. It is perfectly consistent with its use in the world where, from remote antiquity, black has been adopted as the garment of mourning. In Freemasonry, this color is confined to but a few degrees, but everywhere has the single meaning of sorrow. Thus in the French rite, during a ceremony of raising in one of the degrees, the Lodge is clothed in black, strewed with the representation of tears as tokens of grief for the loss of a distinguished member of the fraternity. Coil says that the common acceptance of black as a symbol of sorrow or mourning is not applied in Craft ritualism, although popular regard for black crepe may be in evidence as Masonic symbols. He also makes reference to the use of the color in the French degrees and allied degrees of the Knights Templar and Scottish Rite. Bernard Jones goes a bit further in commenting on the allied degrees that black symbolizes not only grief but also silence and secrecy. In heraldry it has a different significance - that of prudence and wisdom - while grey symbolizes tribulation.

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Masonic Activities

by Bro. Andrew Anderson

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| <p>2 Jan Cochise Scottish Rite Club breakfast meeting at Huachuca Lodge #53 starting at 7 AM.</p> <p>2 Jan Annual Ingathering Wilderness Tabernacle No. LII, Chandler.</p> <p>4 Jan King Solomon Lodge #5 stated meeting at 7 PM. We will meet at the Depot Steakhouse in Tombstone for supper at 5:30 PM.</p> <p>5 Jan Camp Stone Lodge #77 stated meeting at 7 PM. Dinner at 6 PM.</p> <p>5 Jan Pearl of Venus Chap #6 OES Bisbee stated meeting at 2 PM. Lunch at 1 PM</p> <p>6 Jan Huachuca Lodge #53 stated meeting at 7 PM with dinner at 6 PM.</p> <p>7 Jan Perfect Ashlar Lodge #12 stated meeting at 7 PM with dinner at 6 PM.</p> <p>9 Jan Arizona Grand Lodge Leadership Academy at the Tucson Scottish Rite building located at 160 Scott St. Coffee at 9 AM with training sessions starting at 10 AM. This Leadership conference is open to everyone, men, women and the Masonic Youth. Must RSVP.</p> <p>12 Jan Mt Moriah Lodge #19 stated meeting at 7 PM with supper at 6 PM.</p> <p>13 Jan Huachuca Lodge #53 TBA</p> <p>14 Jan Willcox Lodge #10 stated meeting at 7 PM.</p> <p>15 Jan George W. Prioleau Lodge #13 stated meeting at 7 PM.</p> <p>15 Jan Cochise Masonic High Twelve Club #703 meeting at Ivy's Restaurant starting at 5 PM. This meeting is open to everyone.</p> <p>16 Jan Huachuca Shrine Club monthly meeting.</p> <p>16 Jan Grand Lodge Function, Phoenix</p> <p>18 Jan Chiricahua Ct #15, Order of the Amaranth stated meeting at 7:30 PM.</p> <p>19 Jan Pearl of Venus Chap #6 OES Tombstone stated meeting at 2 PM. Lunch at Long horn Restaurant at 1 PM.</p> <p>19 Jan Adoniram Council #14, Cryptic Masons stated meeting at 7 PM.</p> | <p>19 Jan Coronado Chap #20, Royal Arch Masons stated meeting at 7 PM.</p> <p>20 Jan Huachuca Lodge #53 TBA</p> <p>21 Jan Electa Chap #51 OES stated meeting at 7:30 PM.</p> <p>23 Jan Willcox Lodge #10 Special Fellowcraft degree by the Military Degree Team starting at noon with lunch and the degree at 1 PM. RSVP to Jerry Muir at (520) 826-3073 or jmuir@vtc.net.</p> <p>25 Jan San Pedro Lodge #55 stated meeting at 7 PM.</p> <p>26 Jan Burning Taper Commandery #15 Knight Templar stated meeting at 7 PM.</p> <p>27 Jan Huachuca Lodge #53 TBA</p> <p>28 Jan Tucson Lodge of Perfection, dinner at 6:30, Installation of all Officers at 7:30 PM. Bring a food item for the food bank.</p> <p>30 Jan Grand Lodge Function, Flagstaff</p> <p>SPECIAL DATES TO KNOW ABOUT</p> <p>6 March 2010 - Grand Masters Demolay Degree Day at King Solomon Lodge #5 Tombstone.</p> <p>8 May 2010 - King Solomon Lodge #5 Past Masters Day with a degree, lunch and longevity awards.</p> <p>4 - 6 June 2010 Arizona Grand Lodge Annual Conference at Double Tree Hotel Tucson. Must register.</p> <p><i>Through out the year the Lodge Members will participate in several Tombstone historical events.</i></p> <p><i>Every Friday at 7:00 AM, Breakfast at the Landmark Café.</i></p> <p>SPECIAL DATES IN JANUARY 2010</p> <p>23 Jan - Willcox Lodge #10 Military Degree Team performing the Fellowcraft Degree. RSVP to WB Jerry Muir by Jan 15 at 520-826-3073 or e-mail: jmuir@vtc.net</p> |
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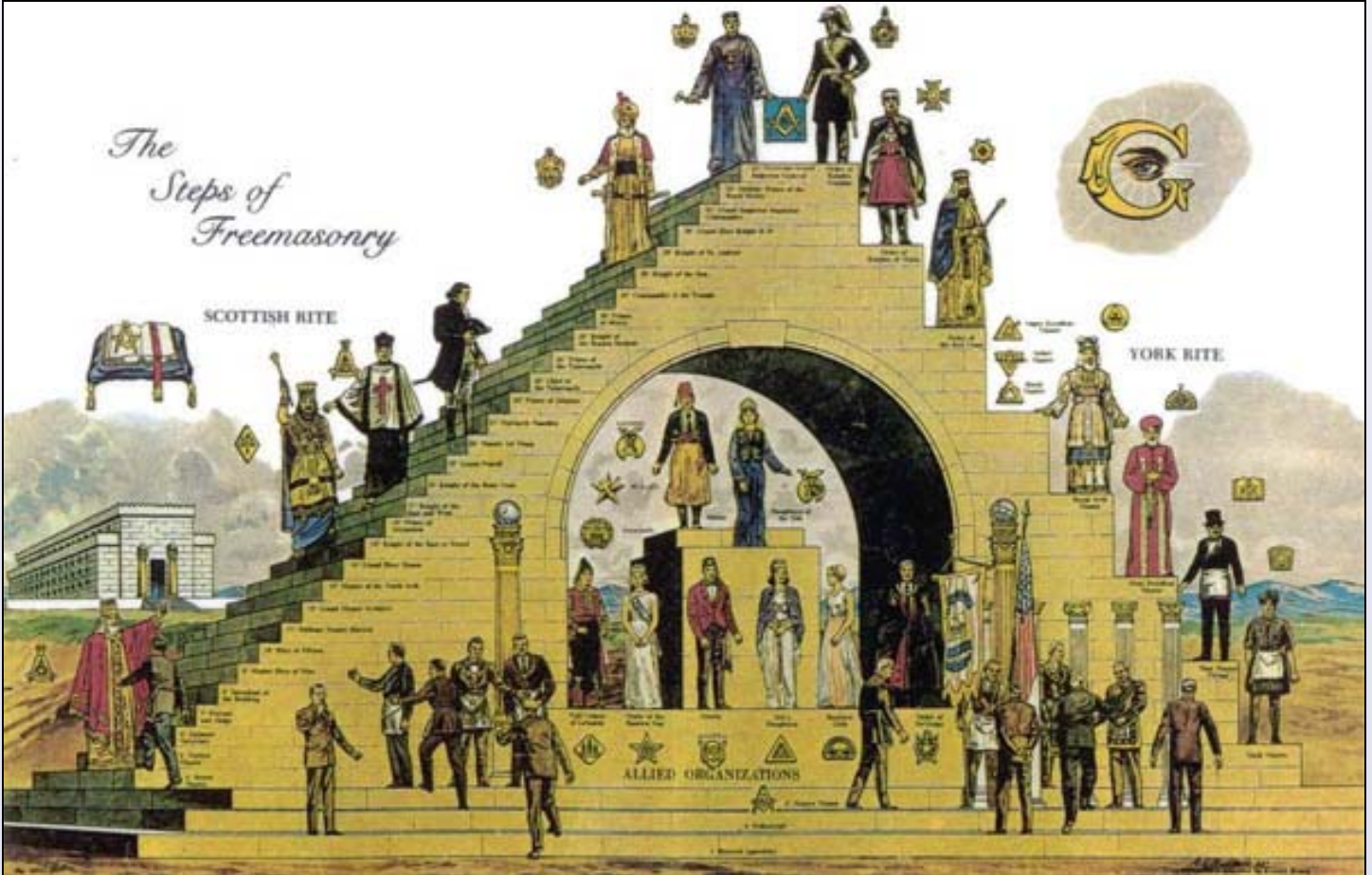
Cochise County Stated Meetings

Mark Your Calendars, 1Q2010

Huachuca Lodge #53 Sierra Vista	King Solomon Lodge #5 Tombstone	Perfect Ashlar Lodge #12 Bisbee	Mt Moriah Lodge #19 Douglas
1st Wednesday	1st Monday	1st Thursday	2nd Tuesday
6 January 3 February 3 March	4 January 1 February 1 March	7 January 4 February 4 March	12 January 9 February 9 March

All stated meetings will begin at 7:00 PM and will be preceded with dinner starting at 6:00 PM. Nogales Lodge #11 stated meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

San Pedro Lodge #55 Benson	Camp Stone Lodge #77 Huachuca City	Wilcox Lodge #10 Wilcox	Nogales Lodge #11 Nogales
4th Monday	1st Tuesday	2nd Thursday	2nd Wednesday
25 January 22 February 22 March	5 January 9 February 2 March	14 January 11 February 11 March	13 January 10 February 10 March





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

Printed in U.S.A. Form 103





Grotto _____

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Petition For The Order

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Masonic Shirt Order

by Bro. Eric Navarro

Huachuca Lodge #53

DATE: _____



Brother's Name: _____

Telephone #: _____

Polo Shirt Size: _____

Name on shirt (extra\$) yes __ or No __

Sierra Vista, AZ

Color Shirt: _____

(red, white, light blue, green or black)

Cost- \$27.23 w/taxes, there is a \$1.50 for every X in size (example 1X(\$1.50), 2X (\$3.00), etc). Keep in mind Brothers the cost might vary on the type and size of shirt you pick.

There is NO minimum order you can place your orders through Eric Navarro (255-3331) or you can go directly to:

Wicked Limitz Graphics

346 E Fry Blvd

(520) 459-8184

P.S. if you want to make a shirt for another Lodge you can and the cost should be the same.

Notes or Special Instructions:

The Mission of Free Masonry:

The mission of Free Masonry is to promote a way of life that binds like-minded men in a worldwide brotherhood that transcends all religious, ethnic, cultural, social and educational differences; by teaching the great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; and, by the outward expression of these, through its fellowship, its compassion and its concern to find ways in which to serve God, Family, Country, Neighbors and Self.

All correspondence should be directed to:

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