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Thoughts from the East

This has been an interesting Month, We initiated a Candidate and he finished his Degree work on our Continuation Day July 7th.



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This past Month we had an Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master RW Brother Ron Wright, He brought greetings from our Grand Master and information on all the up coming events. The Eastern Star Ladies served a Hamburger Dinner with all the trimmings before Lodge, It was very delicious and we thank them

With the completions of their Degrees and becoming a Master Masons. Our District Deputy Grand Master RW Ron Wright and District Deputy Grand Lecturer W.B. Mike Beckett did a great job in planning these Degrees. There was around forty Brethren from all Lodges in attendance.

Sacramento Lodge also did a courtesy Funeral for Aztec for a Member of their Lodge, I want to thank all our Members from Sacramento for attending that Service.

Hope to see everyone in Lodge

On July 7th, Sacramento, Tularosa and Ruidoso Lodges had a Continuation day for Candidates who have not completed their Degrees. Sacramento had four, Tularosa had two, Ruidoso and Las Cruces one each. This was a very impressive and enjoyable day. All the Candidates were impressed,

Birthdays and Masonic Anniversaries

BIRTHDAY

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| S. Bert Atkins | 8/20/1951 |
| Spencer W. Atkins | 8/16/1923 |
| Ellsworth C. Bartlett | 8/25/1916 |
| Charles Alfred Biggs | 8/20/1928 |
| Dean Anders Chambers | 8/09/1932 |
| Lawrence D. DuBour | 8/13/1940 |
| Alton M. Munson | 8/16/1928 |
| Alfred E. Pigg | 8/27/1919 |
| Samuel H. Rush | 8/20/1955 |
| Stephen Lowell Swisher | 8/23/1968 |
| William J. White | 8/21/1956 |
| Gregory Allan Williams, | 8/21/1965 |

MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES

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|------------------------|-----------|
| John Leonard Barr | 8/29/1994 |
| Kenneth C. Garland | 8/18/1945 |
| Dean A. Goist | 8/05/1980 |
| Michael Raymond Penrod | 8/17/1992 |
| David Lee Ray | 8/07/1979 |
| Wm. John Stone | 8/01/1977 |
| Rodney P. Toon | 8/20/1954 |
| Warren V. Vilott | 8/09/1949 |
| Charles David Warner | 8/30/1999 |



A MOST IMPORTANT MAN

by R. Gould

What manner of man sat at Solomon's side
When the Temple's doors were opened wide
Solomon had a feast when the Temple was done
All the Masters were invited and he bared none
There was this one who forced his way in
He said he belonged with these Masters - yes with these men
Solomon called each Master by name
And asked - Do you know this man or what he proclaims
The Sculptor said - He is not one of us who uses the hammer and chisel
We pray my Lord for his dismissal
The Master who had inlaid gold in the ceiling
said - he is not one of us why is he kneeling
None of the Masters knew this man
None had seen him in their land
Then the man began to speak
Who made the tools that lie beneath your feet
Everyone said the son of the Forger - the Blacksmith
Their answer was the same
He was the man they called Tubal Cain
Tu - means THE
Bal - means TOOL
Cain - means SHARPENER or MAKER

THE LODGE WHERE I BELONG

Though my lodge may lack the splendor
Of a Temple or a Shrine,
Or possess the gaudy fixtures
That are classed as superfine,
Yet the fellowship it offers
Is in a price beyond compare.
And I wouldn't trade it ever
For life's treasures, rich or bare !
The hand-clasp firm, the word of cheer,
Oh, such meanings they impart,
The mystic ties of brotherhood
That links us heart to heart !
You'd really have to travel far,
For the friendship's quite so strong
As those one always find right here
In the Lodge where I belong.
When all my earthly travels end,
And at last I'm borne to rest
Where mortals hands no longer toil
And I cease life's endless quest
Why there's nothing I'd like better
Should I join the heavenly throng
Than to meet with all the Brother's
Of the Lodge Where I Belong.



Charles Biggs
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Notes from the South

Many years of traveling and visiting lodges from MI to CA and hearing many great Masonic speakers, I keep hearing the same question. What is wrong with masonry and why are we losing membership? Every mason knows we are losing members but very few gives an answer of why. Having served as secretary for 23 years in another Jurisdiction, I had the opportunity to talk to numerous members that were suspended due to non payment of dues. Non payment of dues is the reason that we are losing most members (87%). Other reasons given were

1. Meetings too long and boring when no degrees were scheduled.
2. One day classes are the ruin of Masonry.
3. Lodges not doing anything for the community.
4. Visitors not made welcome.
5. Ballot box not being used wisely.
6. Investigating committee not investigating wisely.
7. Derogatory remarks being made in lodge.
8. Lodges striving to become a quantity instead of a quality lodge.
9. Many members try to run the lodge instead of the Master.
10. No or very little Masonic education during meetings.

Brothers think about these ten reasons and let us strive to eliminate them

Sarge. Charles Biggs, Junior Warden, Sacramento #24

White Sands Shrine Club

The newly formed White Sands Club will be meeting on the first Wednesday of Each month at the Desert lakes Country Club dining room. We will be meeting at 1:00 PM, ordering off of the menu, which by the way is very good.

Come on out, bring your ladies, friends, have a good lunch, enjoy fellowship with your brethren. At each meeting we will be having a 50/50 drawing... Other fund raisers and other activities will be discussed...

From the Secretary's Desk



Delmar Sanders
Secretary
Sacramento Lodge

Brethren, Members of most Lodges in the 11th District conducted a "Continuation Day" on Saturday, July 7th and we were able to help eight Entered Apprentices and Fellowcraft Brethren complete their Masonic Journey and become Master Masons. They all seemed to enjoy it and at the conclusion, most stated that they had learned a lot, and also that they understood that they had a whole lot more to learn. I think that with this type of statement from the candidates, that we were successful, and probably have made a nice group of new Master Masons... We know that these Brethren are well intentioned, educated, interested Brethren, who can contribute much to the Fraternity. BUT, and this is a big BUT! Do they really have the time to put into Masonry as we feel they should? These are very busy people who are deeply involved in their daily affairs which up to now have not included time for Masonry. This does not bode very well for the future, because it will not be very long before we must rely on these new Brethren to take over the Reins and make sure that our Lodge, that we have worked so hard to save for them, continues on into the future.

Let's hope for the best.

On another note, we gained four new masons through this class, but we lost five through SNPD. Their names were in this newsletter last month, so if you see one of them, see if they can't be induced to get back into good standing. We miss them.

Your Secretary, Delmar A. Sanders

They All Came Just For Me

By: Bro. Richard L. Jenkins

For the brothers of Cass Lodge 412, Griswold Iowa.

Something big is going on here.
Or so I thought that night,
As the Masons came to gather round
the Great and lesser lights.
One from here and one from there
From places far and wide,
They came to do, I knew not what,
As they gathered there inside.
But from each man I was greeted
With a smile and voice of cheer.
One said, "so you're the candidate.
The reason that we're here."
I scarcely knew just what he meant,
For this was my "first degree."
There must be much for them to do
Before they got to me.
Surely these guys would not travel
for the sake of just one man.
Yes, there must be much for them to do,
Before my part began.
The "Brother Tiler" was my company
As I waited at the door
To step into this brand new realm
I had not known before.
They shared with me the three Great Lights
and some tools of the trade,
That I might learn a thing or two
of how a man be better made.
When at last I had been seated
In this brotherhood of men
The Master then began to bring
The meeting to an end.
And with all things then completed,
They stayed a little more,
To eat and drink and share a laugh
Before heading toward the door.
But as we left I understood
And then began to see.
That they all came for one reason.
They all came just for me.
Dear brothers I pray every lodge
Will make new ones like me,
Feel as welcome as these brothers did,
When they held my First Degree.

August 2007

11th New Mexico Masonic District
 Sacramento #24, Carrizozo #41, Tularosa #49, Ruidoso #73, Mountain Top #81

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|---------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|---|
| | | | 1 6:30 Tularosa Ritual <u>White Sands Shrine Club</u> | 2 | 3 6:30 PM Scottish Rite Club | 4 11:00 AM MTN Top |
| | | | | County Fair in Alamogordo | | |
| 5 | 6 7:30 PM Ruidoso 73 Stated Mtg | 7 7:30 PM Alamo OES | 8 6:30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Pract. Carrizozo #41 | 9 7:30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S Rainbow @ 6:30 | 10 | 11 Ft. Stanton Days... 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM |
| 12 | 13 7:30 PM Tularosa 49 Stated Mtg 6:30 Dinner | 14 7:30 PM Amaranth Stated Mtg. | 15 6:30 Tularosa Ritual Practice | 16 7:30 PM Sac. 24 Stated Mtg 6:30 Dinner | 17 | 18 7:30 PM LC Scottish Rite |
| 19 | 20 7:30 PM Tularosa OES Stated Mtg. | 21 | 22 6:30 PM Sacramento Ritual Practice | 23 6:30 PM Rainbow | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |

**Come out and Support Tularosa Lodge #49 at the Rodeo Food Concession during the county fair.
 August 1st, Entered Apprentice Degree At Ruidoso Lodge 6:30 PM**