



# Sacramento Masonic Lodge

1100 Vermont St  
Alamogordo, NM

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## Thoughts from the East



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### A Letter from Michael Zajac

First let me apologize for not being able to be at the lodge on Dec 31. (it seems all I do is apologizing to people these days, we are always supposed to be in two places at one time). The army had scheduled us to be at fort Carson from Dec 26 to Dec 31. We should have returned to Alamogordo the afternoon of Dec 31. The flight was arranged by Ft Carson command staff through Angels Flight program. Matt was very excited to be able to go to Ft Carson to greet all his buddies coming back from Baghdad. (the entire battalion), and then return in time to attend the lodge proceedings. We were both very disappointed it did not work out that way. we spent all four days at the reception area welcoming all the guys home, four separate flights. The last flight in was the afternoon of

December 31. So we were not able to get a flight out with Angels Flight until Jan 2. That is why we could not be there. So again please extend my apologies to of the brethren of the lodge, the situation was out of our control. Since we have been back here at BAMC Matt has had two more surgeries on his right hand, the outcome although better is still not what we had hoped for.

Matt and I have had many discussions (arguments) with the medical staff here convincing them that his wrist and hand is worth saving. Now tomorrow he will be going back to surgery again to remove more of his right leg, of course the shortest one, but it has to be done. I am not looking forward to tomorrow.

At the same time I am having CONVERSATIONS with the new Sgt Major here (a woman who has never seen combat or the other side of a desk) that I do not

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### Birthdays and Masonic Anniversaries

#### Birthdays

John Leonard Barr	3/02/1934	George Allen Rader	3/15/1949
Alvin E. Brown	3/04/1926	Gary Robert Sennett	3/09/1956
Robert D. Burris	3/20/1921	John L. Shelton	3/25/1925
Robert Hay Coleman	3/31/1931	Charles David Warner	3/16/1952
MSSR Brian Adam Domer	3/19/1982	Roger Louis Woodle	3/25/1929
Aubrey L Dunn Jr.	3/25/1928		
George D Elliott	3/04/1922		
John Scott Furlow	3/19/1975		
Thomas Emerson Gage	3/17/1957		
Douglas L. Holbert	3/06/1937		
Thomas E LaMon II	3/20/1953		
William R. Liederbrand	3/09/1913		
William H. Murphy	3/06/1928		
James E. Penney	3/17/1923		
Troy Leonard Poovey	3/17/1938		
Charles D. Price Sr.	3/15/1935		

#### Masonic Anniversary

William T. Beckett Jr.	3/19/1988
Charles Alfred Biggs	3/01/1960
Robert Hay Coleman	3/04/1970
Robert Lee Dionne,	3/13/1972
Terry L. Divet	3/22/1982
Christopher J. Gendron	3/07/2007
Paul W. Gettinger	3/12/1960
Daniel Joseph Glass	3/04/2006
Gilbert Lester Isley	3/1/1994
Bradley K. James	3/04/1985

Ward W. Kenyon	3/30/1981
Randal J. Kiscadon	3/04/2006
Norman R. Lane	3/29/1971
Hyram Lee Posey	3/28/1997
James M. Stevenson	3/25/1986
Dwight E. Weir	3/12/1965
William W. Williams, J	3/31/1949
Gene L. Wood	3/11/1961

#### Broken Column

Jerome T. Henry, 02 /15/2008:  
Rolland Curtis, 02/13/2008  
William T. Pieper , 11/14/ 2007



**Daniel J. Glass**  
**Junior Warden**  
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### Just How Old?

Since I've been in Freemasonry, it's a question that has intrigued me. We are clearly taught that modern Freemasonry began in 1717. Three Masonic Lodges in England sat down to discuss the future of Masonry and agreed they wanted to establish some rules and regulations. On June 24, 1717 (a day which should be familiar to all of us, St. John the Baptist Day) the first Grand Lodge was held and a Grand Master elected. That's pretty old- OLD ENOUGH? Well, that was the beginning of *Modern Freemasonry*, but the newly established Grand Lodge hardly impressed the Scottish and Irish who's Stonemasons has been meeting in Lodges documented back to the 1400's. The Regis Manuscript, from which much of our Anderson's Constitutions were developed, was written in "about" 1390. That's pretty old- OLD ENOUGH? Well, we really have to talk about the Knights Templar theory. We could spend a lot of time here, but for us just a brief visit. In 1115 Hugues de Payens and eight other knights from France escorted Christian pilgrims to the Holy Lands. Three years later these nine took oaths of poverty, chastity and obedience along with military vows and became warrior monks, but they weren't protecting pilgrims or engaging in military activities any longer- they were digging. They were excavating at the site King Solomon's Temple. There is no known history of what, if anything, they found, but they returned to France in 1124 and were give special status by the Pope and became one of the largest, most wealthy and influential organizations in history. Much of their institution is reported (by some) to have striking similarities to our own. On Friday, October 13, 1307 because of politics, jealousy and greed the King of France, King Phillip, convinced a new Pope to excommunicate the Templar Order and that all Templars be arrested. Many were captured and tortured, the Templar treasure was never found and it is believed many Templars escaped to, guess where? Scotland and Ireland, where they were safe enough, asking Robert the Bruce and the whole country of Scotland had been excommunicated. That pretty old- OLD ENOUGH? Well, remember Euclid's 47<sup>th</sup> problem, it's one of the major symbols of our institution and has to do with proving a square, another important symbol. Euclid may or may not have been a real person, but it was a name used to publish a collection of mathematical principles in Alexandria, Egypt around 300 BC. But the 47<sup>th</sup> problem actually referred to a theorem developed by a guy named Pythagoras who lived around 500 BC. He was born in a place called Samos, Ionia that was taken over by a tyrant and Pythagoras moved to Egypt where he visited many temples, learned mathematics and was accepted into a priesthood. Later he founded a secret society that was half religious and

half scientific. Not much is know of this society, but it is recorded that he used his symbolic method of teaching which was similar to the methods he learned in Egypt. The inner circle of members had no personal possessions and were vegetarians (good for him). The society taught that one should discuss issues of goodness and justice, that the soul can rise to union with the divine; certain symbols have a mystical significance and that all brothers of the order should observe strict loyalty and secrecy. Any of that sound familiar? OLD ENOUGH?- We're getting there but I have to tell you last Friday I got my first volume from the Masonic Book Club. An interesting organization that you join, pay dues and every couple of years they send you a publication. This volume is titled, The Antiquities of Free-Masonry and I promise Chapter II is titled, "View of Masonry, as it existed from the Creation of the World to the time of Enoch..." – Now this I gotta read-

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think that Matt should be forced to try and put on his uniform every morning and report to formation!!! Now also the CFI (center for the intrepid) seems to be in a budget problem, and telling Matt and I that maybe he should not set his goals to high, and perhaps instead of giving him three separate sets of legs, so that he can do all the things he wants to (that has been the normal issue until now) that he should just be happy with one! It seems that now that they are closing Walter Reed because of all the problems there, They just built a new facility here, but sent the same people here to be in charge. So Nothing has changed. There have been two suicides and four attempted suicides since we have been here.

I see these guys every day, amputees, burns and various other injuries, a lot of them know me and talk to me because we have been here so long,(9 months Feb. 10) and will be here for a while longer, some days it is just hard to face them. But it is part of the reason I am here. However I must confess I am a little tired.

Well I better go for now I will try to write more often. Thank you all for all the prayers I know you are sending to Matt. I hope to see you all soon. Mike and Matt. PS I am sending pictures to you, hope you can print them out and show everybody. Here is one, Matt hanging out with the president. I will send more on separate e-mails

## From the Secretary's Desk



**Delmar Sanders**  
Secretary  
Sacramento Lodge

### From the Secretary's Desk

Brethren, Seems like I'm always asking for Dues, but so goes the world. By the way, your dues are used to help the Lodge to take care of the various projects and other needs. We really came up with one this month, the Water heater gave up the ghost! Only a matter \$500.00 to replace it! But you know, as usual, it went bad at the worst possible time: It was Lodge Meeting night and the next evening the Eastern Star was holding a Grand Visit! Now isn't that just like a water heater! Have you ever heard of one going bad when the repairman was there, or there was a sale on? Never happen! So you see, while your dues are used for our projects, we also have to keep up the maintenance on the Lodge thus making your dues doubly useful. Of course, I didn't mention the per-capita, but that has to be paid every year, and it takes quite a chunk out of your dues also!

Just remember "You can make a difference!"  
Dues are "\$60.00" mail to  
PO Box 2365 Alamogordo, 88311-2365

Your Secretary, *Delmar A. Sanders*

### Rocket Shrine Club

Nobles, the Rocket Shrine Club meets on the 3rd Friday of each month @ 6:00 PM for a social hour and then have a meal at 6:30 PM. The next Meeting will be on March 21st, at My Country Kitchen.

Please feel free to join with us as we socialize and break bread with other Nobles.

For further information please call Paul Keyser at home, 434-3707 or his cell 491-9617.

### Paul Keyser Reporting

## EMAIL NEWS

Brethren, The Sacramento Lodge and Tularosa Lodge newsletters are available via email. If you would like to receive these in your email please send your email address to:

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You will be immediately be put on my regular mailing list. In addition to the newsletters you will receive updates and news as it happens and becomes available. Be up to date, join us on the net.

The news and calendar are also available on the network. Downloadable photos, news, dates and other useful information. Go to

<http://sacramento24.org>

**Bill Beckett**

**White Sands Shrine Club**  
**William Beckett**  
President



### **Nobles**

Spring is upon us and it is time to clean up the campers, make plans to get away for awhile, to renew our confidence in mankind and the world in general.

Our next stated meeting will be held on March 5th at the 19th hole. Put July 5th on your calendar, that is when we plan to have a gathering of the nobles and their families at the Gran Quivera National Monument.. Noble Sarge Biggs has consented to give us the nickel tour. So, Mark Your calendars now.

Our scooters are in, and we are ready to practice a few maneuvers, learn how to interact with other while traveling done the road, without running over anyone in the process. Watch your email for further dates and plans. (Also, attend our meetings to get your two bits in.)

Our meetings are open to all Shrines and their guests.

**Bill Beckett**

# March 2008

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

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
						1 11:00 AM MTN Top @ Tularosa Lodge <b>6:30 PM Table Lodge @ Sacramento</b>
2	3 7:30 pm Ruidoso #73 Stated Mtg	4	5 1:00 PM White Sands Shrine @ 19th hole.	6	7 6:30 PM Scottish Rite Club	8
9	10 7:30 PM Tularosa #49 Stated Mtg dinner @ 6:30	11 7:30 PM Alamo OES	12 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice Carrizozo #41	13 7:30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S	14	15 LC Scottish Rite
16	17 7:30 PM Tularosa OES Stated Mtg.	18 7:30 PM Amaranth Stated Mtg.	19 6:30 Tularosa Ritual Practice	20 7:30 PM Sacramento 24 Dark	21 6:00 PM Rocket Shrine Club	22
				<b>New Mexico Grand Lodge @ Clovis New Mexico</b>		
23/30	24/31	<b>25</b>	26 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	27	28	29

**New Mexico Grand Lodge Sessions, March 20-21-22—Sacramento Lodge will be dark on the 20th  
 March 1—Table Lodge at Sacramento Lodge @ 6:30 PM**