



# Sacramento Masonic Lodge

1100 Vermont St  
Alamogordo, NM

## Powers of a Master

The Master of a Masonic lodge has more power than the presiding officer of any secular body. The “rules of order” under which business is conducted in other assemblies apply only partially in a Lodge. The by-laws of a profane organization may enclose a president or chairman as with stone walls, fetter him as with chains; in a Masonic Lodge no by-law which restricts the inherent powers of a Master can be passed, or, if passed, will be sustained by Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

A railroad engine is a potent tool for wise use, but who would ride a train pulled by a locomotive at the throttle of which was a ten-year-old child? A box of matches may kindle the fire which cooks our food or destroys a forest. A thirty eight caliber revolver may defend one’s country or commit a murder. Power is constructive only when used with knowledge. The Master who does not know his powers cannot use them intelligently. The Master who knows what he may and may not lawfully do will lead with wis-

dom, discretion and success.

Laws differ in the fifty Grand Jurisdictions of continental United States, but certain powers of a Master are universally acknowledged. The Master is responsible only to the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge (or deputy of the Grand Master) for his acts; consequently he must have full authority and, within the limits, be the ruler of his Lodge. But while Grand Masters uphold Masters in all lawful exercise of authority, they are quick to frown upon arbitrary rulings.

With one or two exceptions, only the Master may call special communications of his Lodge. In one or two Jurisdictions the Lodge has power to summons the whole membership, but these but prove the rule.

No one but the Master may preside over his Lodge, in his presence (except the Grand Master or his Deputy) unless by his order.

tend. We will be putting together a Degree team from our district and will also Have a guest Degree team from another State or Country. These plans are in progress So plan to attend.

In October there will be an all the way in one-day in Santa Fe. The times and location Will come out later in the year. Brethren, our lodges need for each of us to learn new Parts as we should be able to confirm the degrees without outside help. I know at times We all need that help but lets try to learn a new part during this coming year. Remember That you only get out of Masonry what you put into it—this applies to us all. I hope to see Each of you in lodge, take care and remember, YOU ARE THE IMAGE OF MASONRY.

Fraternally Yours

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## DDGM 10th District

Brethren:

On behalf of our Grand Master M:W: Jay Harris, I bring each of you greetings. I hope that each of you is looking forward to the year ahead in Masonry In this Land of Enchantment. The Grand Master wants each of us to participate not Only in the degree work but in other forms of Masonry. Get out there and have fun And enjoy your time with family/friends and your Brethren. The Masonic Olympics Are coming up in June, so be prepared to go to the Shrine Center for a day of great Fun as well as lots of food and drink.

In September we will host a White Sands Outdoor Degree and the Grand Master will At-



**Daniel J. Glass  
Junior Warden  
Sacramento #24**

**Modern Freemasonry**

Last visit we were speculating as to just how ancient are the roots of our fraternity. It's certainly true that nobody knows for sure, but it is before written history. There have been elements that have meshed with other elements that have contributed to what our institution is today.

Modern Freemasonry on the other hand decidedly started in 1717 with the founding of The Grand Lodge of England, but not so quick. Let's back up about three centuries before that and we find the earliest Masonic writing which is a poem known as the Regius Manuscript. No one know who wrote it and it is believed to have been copied from an earlier document. It describes standards of workmanship, but also standards of morality and conduct. The basic structure of our Lodge can be found in this document.

A little later in 1583, a fellow by the name of William Shaw was appointed by the king of Scotland to oversee all of the buildings that might be used by the royal family. This put Shaw in direct contact with the various tradesmen and crafts, particularly the stonemasons. He declared himself the "grand warden" of the stonemason lodges and wrote two sets of instructions for them called the Shaw Statutes. In these statutes, he directed that lodges keep certain records of their meeting and actions. He also directed that all members of a lodge memorize certain things and be tested on that material each year. Exactly what they memorized and were being tested on was, of course, a secret. He did set up a system of fines as incentive for learning the material. Now, isn't that timely and interesting to us? About this time, there was much recorded about the Art of Memory (another secret of

**April & May Birthdays**

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Leo S. Bartley          | 4/23/1919 |
| George R. Bemis         | 4/1/1932  |
| Sidney Jerrold Browning | 4/14/1942 |
| Robert Lee Dionne,      | 4/2/1932  |
| Paul Robert Fazenbaker  | 4/16/1960 |
| Lennie Lee Hockman      | 4/22/1948 |
| Douglas Lee Moore       | 4/19/1958 |
| Charles Howard Noble    | 4/12/1972 |
| Ray M. Toon             | 4/15/1955 |
| Arthur C. Wolford       | 4/03/1920 |
|                         |           |
| Troy Andrew Berez,      | 5/25/1971 |
| Bobby H. Chapman        | 5/31/1935 |
| Terry L. Divet          | 5/22/1944 |
| Brian Dean DuBour       | 5/20/1978 |
| William F.Harris        | 5/30/1918 |
| Daniel Justin Hearn     | 5/14/1979 |
| Benny Ray James         | 5/21/1933 |
| Charlie Harold Lippard  | 5/14/1942 |
| William L. Monro        | 5/15/1923 |
| Kevin M Owens,          | 5/20/1973 |
| Christopher Roy Proctor | 5/13/1976 |
| John R. Secrest Jr.     | 5/02/1947 |
| Jim Olden Turner        | 5/12/1954 |

the stonemasons). As a result, there are recordings of meetings from a lodge called Aitcheson's Haven dating back to January 1599.

The oldest known written ritual manuscript is from Edinburgh Register House and is dated in 1696. If you read this you will be struck by similarities with some of our present day rituals. There's a real ironic twist of history to be found from all of this. While William Shaw's Statutes strictly forbids the writing of what was to be memorized in any form or shape, the fact that the lodge members were to be tested with the imposition of fines may have actually ensured that ritual was written down, early cheat sheets.

At the time the ritual from Edinburg House was being written, it doesn't appear that there was much activity in the stonemason lodges back in England; maybe they had their own building slump. In any case, after the Great London Fire in 1666, business was booming for the stonemasons. The rebuilding of St. Paul's Cathedral alone took 40-years to complete and lodges flourished with operative stonemasons. Much of the building boom was over by 1715 and the four lodges left, which now had speculative (non-operative) members, met to consider the future of Freemasonry. On June 24, 1717 (St. John the Baptist Day) they formed the Grand Lodge of England and elected a speculative (gentleman) member as the Grand Master. This was the beginning of what became known as the Moderns of Freemasonry. The story from here really starts to get interesting, which we will save for later.

**April & May Masonic Anniversaries**

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| George R. Bemis         | 4/13/1970 |
| Paskel A. Blackwelder   | 4/18/1945 |
| David Alan Braham       | 4/09/1979 |
| Otto H. Brueggeman      | 4/28/1951 |
| Jack A. Carlson         | 4/25/1062 |
| Thomas E. Carr          | 4/02/1963 |
| James P. Craig          | 4/26/1967 |
| Timothy B. DeHart       | 4/15/1989 |
| Lloyd R. Garmon         | 4/20/1998 |
| Philippe J. Grau        | 4/15/2001 |
| David A. Haug           | 4/05/1982 |
| Marlin R. Hunt          | 4/08/1963 |
| William L. McMichael    | 4/16/1984 |
| Harris Miller           | 4/01/1954 |
| Robert Michael Tyrrell  | 4/04/1988 |
| George R. Wood          | 4/09/1984 |
| Ellsworth C. Bartlett   | 5/24/1938 |
| Kenneth Raye Beasley    | 5/18/1987 |
| Larry Paul Blevins      | 5/16/1992 |
| David Lee Brown         | 5/01/1967 |
| Martin D. Brown         | 5/27/1953 |
| Thad J. Burger          | 5/25/1957 |
| Billy D. Callahan       | 5/05/1964 |
| Tracy H. Johnson        | 5/20/1985 |
| Charlie Harold Lippard  | 5/05/1998 |
| William J. MacVeigh III | 5/13/1959 |
| Emil L. McHenry         | 5/09/1966 |
| Robert Edward Moore     | 5/22/1947 |
| Harold K. Roberts       | 5/06/1958 |
| G. Burton Skinner       | 5/08/1971 |
| Robert L. Stapp         | 5/22/1973 |

## From the Secretary's Desk



**Delmar Sanders  
Secretary  
Sacramento Lodge**

Brethren, This is the last month of grace. On June 30<sup>th</sup>, those who have not paid their 2008 Dues will go SNPD!

Now we know no one wants to become SNPD, so get out your checkbook, and write a check to Sacramento Lodge for your 2008 Dues in the amount of \$60.00!

That's all there is to it! Oh, of course you still have to mail it to 'Post Office Box 2365, Alamogordo, NM 88311', but we know that you are going to do that. Now! Wasn't that easy! So why didn't you do it in December... so that you would be paid up for the entire year? I know, you just forgot! Well, next December, when you are buying presents for your loved ones, buy a present for yourself! Make out your Dues check and send it in to the Lodge!!

Nothing would make this Secretary happier than for all the Dues checks to show up at once, so that it would take a day or two to make out all the deposit slips, and maybe get 'Writers Cramp' signing all those Dues Cards!!

Some of you have a very valid reason for not receiving a dun in the Bulletin, you have moved and you don't receive your Bulletin. Well!! How about seeing to it that your Secretary knows your new address so that you can get the bulletin, the NM Freemason and any thing else that might come through the mail! If you want, just send the Secretary an E-Mail:

[dasanders3@earthlink.net](mailto:dasanders3@earthlink.net)!!

Then I can send it on to the Grand Secretary and the Scottish Rite Secretary and the Shrine Secretary and all your mail will continue to come to you! There! , Nuff said! Just don't forget to send it in now!

Fraternally,

You're Secretary Delmar A. Sanders,

## Soldier Smiles Program

For the past two and half years Sacramento Lodge #24 has been supporting Soldier Smiles, largely due to a dedicated old soldier and a faithful bunch of coffee drinkers. Since 2006 to date the lodge has contributed \$3,370.00 to this worthwhile project and will continue to do so until all service men serving in the Middle East have returned to the USA.

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**White Sands Shrine Club  
William Beckett  
President**



**Nobles, are we having fun yet? You bet! Our parade unit had its first practice on Sunday April 13th. Everyone looked great, and Only one mishap. But, we are improving. Next time there will be a plan. Our vests are in, and the emblems are being sewn on. Gonna look sharp for a bunch of ol-guys. We will be strutting our stuff at T or C on the 3rd of May at the T or C fiesta. OH! Look for us on the cover of the next Chatter.**

**Our next meeting will be on May 7th at the 19th hole as usual. We will be making the final plans for our July outing. Perhaps we should plan to have our summer meetings sponsored by the members and forgo the lunch at the 19th hole, something to think about.**

**Bill Beckett**

## ROCKET SHRINE CLUB

**Come and join your Brothers and Nobles.**

**Dinner meeting Friday 18, 2008 6p.m. at the 19th hole, Alamogordo Golf Course on Hamilton Road. You order from the menu. Paul made a trip to the Temple in Albuquerque. Spent time with Directors Staff, Provost Marshal, and turned in an application for a Otero County Child for the Shrine Hospital. We will travel to T or C on May 3 for the parade and Potentates visit and dinner.**

**Please Pay your Shrine and Blue Lodge Dues.**

**Our next meeting will be MAY16 at Margo's 1st street Alamogordo N.M. We would like to Welcome All SHRINERS AND THEIR LADIES in our area to join us for Fellowship a Good Time.**

**We now have a list of 2008 Parades and Special Events. Come join us .**

**Proud to be Part of this fine Organization  
Paul Keyser Reporting**

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

**May 2008**

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

**Friday, May 16th, Soldier Smiles Fund Raiser, St Johns Episcopal Church, 1114 Indiana  
 Lunch 11:00 to 1:30 PM Dinner 5:00 to 7:00 PM \$6.00 Per Person**