



# Sacramento Masonic Lodge

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Phil Plastow and Shawn Odom are getting ready for or have had the Fellowcraft degree conferred, that means that we will have a couple of Master Mason Degrees coming up very soon. Now is a good time to start planning to be there.

October 1 2008. Brother Adam Karabelski was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Back row left to right, Brothers Dave Ray, Mike Beckett, Jack Carlson, Bud Weidman, Bill Beckett and Bill Wiley.

Front Row left to right, Brothers Art Wright, Charles Biggs, Adam Karabelski, WB Jerry Browning, Del Sanders, Bill MacVeigh and Pat Crocker.

Many thanks to those who came down from Ruidoso, Our Prince Hall brothers who all helped to make this a memorable occasion for Adam.

Entered Apprentice Brothers,

Remember, November brings us to lodge elections. This is your lodge, come out, express your thoughts, vote for those who you believe will make a contribution to Sacramento Lodge in particular and Masonry in General. Where we go and what we do depends on the dedication of each and every member of Sacramento Lodge.

Several members from Sacramento Lodge, Tularosa Lodge and Ruidoso Lodge traveled to Roswell for the Grand Lodge all the way degrees. There were 33 new Master Masons made on that memorable occasion. Now it is up to the members of their respective lodges to guide them in the proper direction and help them find what Masonry truly is about. This is something that we do need to do for all new Masons, not just the one day Masons.

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## November Birthdays

James P. Craig	11/25/1940
Wolf Fielenbach	11/07/1962
Frank A. Hegwer	11/23/1930
Jerry R. Hilgeman	11/30/1941
Thomas Wayne Ingram	11/12/1954
Randal J. Kiscadon	11/08/1959
Mark Alan Law	11/30/1961
Theodore R. Lewis	11/21/1929
Frederick L. Martin	11/03/1947
Emil L. McHenry	11/13/1931
William L. McMichael	11/26/1946

Shawn Durham Odom	11/30/1971
Marcelo Paulik	11/03/1965
Richard C. Rahn	11/10/1926
Harold K. Roberts	11/16/1928
James M. Stevenson	11/24/1946
Wm. John Stone	11/09/1942
Rodney P. Toon	11/06/1932
Robert Michael Tyrrell	11/30/1942
Matthew T. Zajac	11/17/1986

Donald R. Carnahan	11/15/1976
Bobby H. Chapman	11/18/1967
James Edwin Heaton,	11/27/2000
Douglas L. Holbert	11/06/1972
Harvey A. Lewis	11/28/1964
David W. Morgan	11/28/1977
Walter S. Mullins	11/21/1946
James William Peyton	11/16/1996
Delmar A. Sanders	11/26/1960
Darrel W. Sinclair	11/30/1956
Paul L. Stevens	11/12/1984
Ray M. Toon 1	11/27/1978

## Masonic Anniversaries

Alvin E. Brown	11/24/1950
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**Daniel J. Glass**  
**Junior Warden**  
**Sacramento #24**

Masonic Secrets of the Art of Memory  
(please don't read any of this unless you're willing  
to read all of it)

*Masonic Light* – That's where we left off last time. I believe this topic brings us to very core and heart of our ancient fraternity and it's not easy to get your hands on. You may have noticed nobody has really ever defined exactly what this thing called "Masonic Light" is- you've been explained the Greater and Lesser lights of Freemasonry and you most likely have heard something about it being what each Freemason decides for himself. Nobody could or would even want to argue with that, but lets get out our metaphorical shovels and dig back through our long and rich history. Some of the Masonic connections with secret knowledge may go back to the building of King Solomon's Temple, as some theories would offer. But clearly, esoteric mystery was a part of the early operative Masonic lodges. I brushed over Hermeticism once before because it is really complicated and I'm sure I am only able to understand parts if it. Well, now we need it so I'll try to boil down some of what I've learned for us to use. The term comes from Hermes Trismegistus (Thrice-Great Hermes) an Egyptian priest who was head of a secret religion of the intellectually elite of ancient Egypt. Thrice may refer to the three secrets which were composed of alchemy, astrology and theurgy (the art of divine magic, a kind of unity with God). He seems to have been regarded as maybe a man, maybe a god- the god of wisdom and magic. The Hermeticism movement in the Renaissance was composed of those dedicated to rediscover and unlock the ancient esoteric mystical secrets believed to be contained within the undecipherable Egyptian hieroglyphs (at least until the Rosetta Stone). Ok, got all that? Here's where it's

all leading up to. ***In reviving the secrets of the art of memory, the Hermeticists of the Renaissance recognized this as the method to achieve theosis (the effort to achieve oneness with the divine spirit).***

So, after all that let's put this into a real practical application. Where is always the very best place to hide anything? Well, right in the open, of course- right in front of us. That's where we find it. And this is exactly how it worked for me, it just may work that way for you or any person. As a part of our initiation each one of us took an obligation. It's something none of us forget, but frankly, to me, it wasn't much more than listening a being satisfied that there was nothing in that obligation which I found objectionable. At that time, I couldn't really recall in my mind what was the nature and principals of my obligation. As part of the proficiency which we all go on to study, I came to appreciate, understand and even question my coach about this obligation. Then I started what initially I thought was the impossible, the memorization of that obligation (especially the third one). Along the way of this memorization, something changed inside of me (probably you too) because somehow these words became something living within me. It became a part of my internal moral compass to *try* to live a life with tolerance, brotherly love, and commitment to moral integrity. That was just our obligation I was speaking of, how many lessons may be contained in the Ritual of Freemasonry? From where I'm standing it seems just about infinite, at least for me. Here, I think, is the very bottom line.

Esoteric Mystical Relevance through discipline and practice of the Masonic Ritual.

I hope these words don't seem as foreign and weird as they may have just a bit ago, I think they are important and perhaps should be spoken, heard and discussed more frequently. Freemasonry is ritual. Without ritual, Freemasonry wouldn't exist. Now the next question is about "how do I get this stuff in my head?" Probably a good place to pick it back up next visit-

See you in Lodge-

## From the Secretary's Desk



**Delmar Sanders**  
Secretary  
Sacramento Lodge

Brethren,

Brethren, all I can say is, "It been a busy month!" The Lodge elected a new member, and the next Wednesday, He had the Entered Apprentice Degree conferred. That Friday the Las Cruces Scottish Rite Reunion was held and Sacramento Lodges 9<sup>th</sup> and tenth Degrees were conferred,, followed by Saturdays Thirty-Seconds Degree. Then home and that Monday practice the Master Mason Degree for FC Brother Adam Karabelski, which was conferred on Wednesday, October 1! It was just one degree after another it seemed! To bad we don't have to work this hard all the time!

Well, if we get in some more Petitions, maybe it will be? Oh, I forgot to mention, earlier in the month we had the pleasure to participate n the presentation of the check to the Twelfth District Juvenile Drug Court for their Juvenile Program. I hope you saw the picture on the last newsletter as we were all very proud to be there.

The Lodge is currently trying to get enough donations to fix up an honored ladies car. W.:B.: Jerry is doing the work but you know that these parts come high! However much money we get, we can get matching funds from Masonic Charities and that should take care of the expense.

Its really good when the Lodge comes together to perform an act of charity like this.

Makes you feel especially good!

Brother GL Tucker, Secretary of Tularosa Lodge lost his wife this month, and Past Master John Secrest lost his mother. Bad news to be put in our newsletter, but it shows that we are all getting older.

We have several things planned this month, Past Masters night will see our Grand Master, M.:W.:B.: Jay Harris come to visit and bring a message. The entire 12<sup>th</sup> District Juvenile Drug Court has been invited with the Judge and they are to give a presentation. Anyway, come on out and support the Past Masters as they Open Lodge and see the 25 and 50 year presentations made!

See you there!

Your Secretary

*Delmar A. Sanders, PGL*

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



Nobles, On Wednesday November 5th @ 12:30 PM we will again be a Peppers restaurant for our regular monthly meeting.

This has been a great year for me, I do hope that each of you have found that to be the situation for you and yours. But, all good things need to be relegated to the past. It is time to elect the officers who will guide the White Sands Shrine club to a successful year. One that will be filled with good fellowship and a knowledge that something will be accomplished. Come out, enjoy the fellowship of your noble brethren, a good meal, and a successful election. We will have the installation of Officers at our December meeting.

Let us support our new line of officers in the wonderful way that you have supported me and the officers this year.

Fraternally and Personally Bill

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

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<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 11:00 AM MTN Top
2	3 7:30 PM Ruidoso #72	4 7:30 pm Prince Hall #11	5 12:30 PM White Sands Shrine @ Peppers	6	7 6:30 PM Scottish Rite Club	8
9	10 7:30 PM Tularosa #49	11 7:30 PM Alamo OES	12 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	13 :30 PM Ruidoso O.E.S	14	15 LC Scot- tish Rite  10:00 AM Prince Hall #11
16 5:00 PM Rainbow Cross of Colors	17 7:30 PM Tu- larosa OES	18 7:30 PM Ama- ranth Stated Mtg.	19 6:30 Tularosa Ritual Practice	20 7:30 PM Sacra- mento 24	21 6:00 PM Rocket Shrine Club	22
23	24/30	25	26 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	27 7:30 Carrizozo #41	28	29

Lodge elections for both Sacramento #24 and Tularosa #49 at their respective stated meetings.