



Tularosa Masonic Lodge

211 Higuera St.
Tularosa New Mexico

March 2008

Thoughts from the East



James T. Yeager
Worshipful Master
Tularosa #49

Well, the new officers have made it thru 2 meetings so far, only 10 more left. I would like to say that so far I think all officers are doing an outstanding job. We continue to hold practice on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month for those of you that need help with your office, especially the floor work.

We have finally completed the installation of the new heating/cooling system and I have already received many compliments on how good it works and how quiet it is compared to the old gas ceiling heater that we use to have. The third grade classes are now getting the newspapers that they need. The front porch is almost completed and as soon as it warms up we will be painting the building.

Don't forget about Table Lodge at Sacramento Lodge on the 1st of March at

6:30 PM. Hope to see as many of the Brothers from Tularosa Lodge there as possible. Let Brothers Beckett or Browning know if you are planning on attending so that they can get a head count to insure that enough food is prepared to accommodate everyone. Sounds like an excellent meal is being prepared. Speaking of meals, our next Lodge meal is being provided by the Amaranth, and I heard thru the grapevine that the main course will be meatloaf. The Eastern Star will be doing our meal in April. Come early and support these two Masonic organizations.

Brethren, just a reminder that Mountaintop Daylight Lodge meets the 1st Saturday of the month (Mar 1st) at 11AM in Tularosa. Come out and support this Lodge. Worshipful Brother West would appreciate the support of all brothers in the 11th District.

Finally, I hope to see all my fellow brothers at lodge next month on the 10th of March. Come early and enjoy some fellowship. Jim Yeager, WM Tularosa #49

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Junior Deacon Richard Spoola
Chaplain Mike Beckett
Senior Steward Robert Morrow
Junior Steward Willie VanBrackle
Marshall Delmar Sanders
Tyler Ken Holt

Birthdays

Argall, Walt 3/13/1941
Penny, James 3/17/1923
Galassini, Gene 3/20/1956
Horton, Melvin 3/21/1940
Booth, Gordon 3/25/1915
Rigdon, Lawrence 3/29/1963

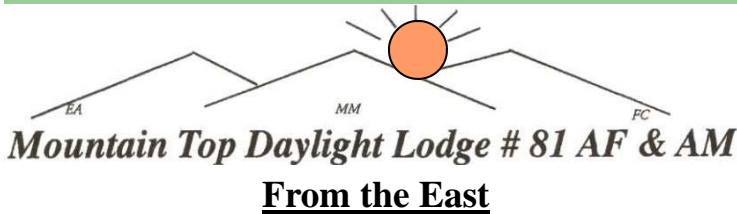
MM Birthdays

Joseph W. Ash 3/30/1963

Seldon E. Burks 3/23/1973
William T. Beckett 3/19/1988
David E. Corbett 3/14/1995
Rolland C. Curtis 3/23/1971
Ed C. Dittmer 3/14/1964
Richard Gouker 3/15/1989
Jesse V. Lane 3/6/2004
James Livesay 3/4/1996
John Romine 3/26/1903
William McCullough 3/30/1966
Chris Neagle 3/4/2006
Joe Schiemann 3/4/2006

Broken Column

Rolland C. Curtis
Was called home on February 13 2008 and services were held at the Tularosa Cemetery on February 19th. Services were conducted by WB John Secret.



Mountain Top Daylight Lodge #81 AF & AM
From the East



Kreg Knepper
Junior Warden
Tularosa Masonic Lodge

Brethren, I have been reminded that it is time to submit our information for the Trestleboard at Mountain Top Daylight Lodge #81. Wow, time sure flies when you got something to do, doesn't it?

If I was a congressman and said I hadn't done anything in the last session that would be good news - but not so with a Masonic Lodge that is desperately attempting to make a good showing after several years of being at a virtually standstill. Brethren, I have pledged to give it my best shot this year but it is going to take this commitment from every member of our Lodge to accomplish our goals.

I realize that with our small membership it is difficult to ask you to commit yourself to the task ahead but to fully succeed, this is what we must do.

We have no place to meet in Timberon for practice sessions and there are only a few of us in the Alamogordo - Tularosa area; so what is the solution? I am scratchin' my head for answers and I would appreciate input from you.

Do you remember the day you was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason? If you do, I would wager that you would volunteer to help in any way you could. Things are really not that much different now, are they? This old world keeps on rollin' around every 24 hours just as it did then. I realize that some of us are a little older now (would you believe in my case, 59 years older?) and most of us have heavy obligations but we must devote at least some of our time to our Lodge - can we count on you?

Now, for the flip side of the coin, we voted to elect 3 plural members in January. We have two more to vote on in March, and there are good signs that others are interested in participating in a Daylight Lodge; however, we must devote a small portion of our time to our Lodge, outside of just attending meetings - don't you agree?

In February we had a very good meeting but several of our brothers had to leave before refreshments, which was a delicious chili dinner. This meant we had some chili left over. I hesitate to tell you this but I took this chili home and froze it; so at the March meeting we will have chili over hot dogs. Still good eatin'!!

One thing that stands out in our Trestleboard is, there is only one contributor, namely me. This is only one voice and one opinion. We do need the input from some other members. Can't you take just a few minutes of your time and tell us how we are doing, and how we might improve this Lodge in particular and Masonry in general?

Harry G. West, Master

Observations from the South

In many parts of the world, Freemasonry survives without public recognition. There are no signs or symbols on the exterior of the buildings, and Masons do not wear a square and compass in their lapel. To the average Non-Mason in many of these countries, Freemasonry does not exist.

The fraternity in the United States however, has taken a different approach. Masonic buildings are easily identified for all to see, perhaps some better than others, and members don't hesitate to flash rings and pins.

Yet for all the exposure the Masons attempt to display, there are so many non-masons in this country who know little or nothing about the Masonic fraternity. In fact, a movie go-er leaving the theater after viewing "National Treasure" was overheard commenting to his friend, "I wonder if the Masons are still around."

References to Freemasonry in recent films and Dan Brown's novels have inspired a sense of curiosity among many people who have not been familiar with the fraternity. The curiosity factor has created a renewed interest among those who are seeking what freemasonry has to offer.

The way you communicate Masonry will determine the future strength of the fraternity. Remember, you are the most effective means of communication the message.

Fraternally Kreg Knepper

EMAIL NEWS

Be a supporter and contribute to the publication of the newsletter and web site... these brothers have already done so... WB Mike Beckett and WB Jim Yeager.
Bill Beckett

From the Secretary's Desk

BREthern ONE AND ALL: The dues are slow coming in. They are \$35.00 and were due on January 1. I am supposed to read the names of those members, in March, that haven't paid yet. You can mail them to PO Box 51, Tularosa, NM 88352. If they are not paid by June 1, the names, of those that haven't paid, have to be sent in to Grand Lodge as suspended for non-payment.

For those that have paid, THANKS.

MW Bill Beckett, the editor of the newsletter, gave a brief history of the Lodge, last issue. Another interesting fact of the Lodge is B Mac Brazel that found the crashed UFO near Roswell, in 1947, was a member of our Lodge and is buried in our Masonic Cemetery.

Speaking of Cemetery, we voted last meeting to donate \$450.00 to Fairveiw Cemetery and try to get matching funds from Masonic Charities, to help them put timers on the sprinklers at the Cemetery. We could use some donations, if anyone survives the drop on interest rates and has some to spare.

My wife Karon is feeling much better and is still taking Chemo for her Cancer. WB Eddie Bentley is having a hard time with Cancer. WB Randy West is feeling better and waiting to have an operation sometime. WB Bill Begley is doing better after he had a bout with allergies. WB Bill Marr has Cancer, he found out last week. And our WM Jim Yeager is having trouble breathing and having various tests run. He also has a memory problem that he thinks is isolated to him.

I got word this morning Feb13 that WB Rolland Curtis passed away early this morning.

Adios Bye

TULAROSA BAI SN OES CHAPTER 72

Well here it is, February is almost gone. We have done a lot since our last meeting.

Monday, 18 February we initiated three new members, Sister Flo Witten, Brother Alex Witten and Dean Chambers, we also elected Sister Denise Inwood for dual membership. The degree went very good, especially the Star Points.

We still need to work on our chapter projects, they need our help.

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 Quiviera 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

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

The selling of the Easter eggs, the painted gourds, hats and scarves for the cancer patients and the raffle tickets for Sister Gay Chambers pictures. If you can help out with any of these projects it would be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget the Grand Chapter projects, critters and comforters, dimes to dollars and the eye foundation.

On April 14, August 11 and September 8 our Chapter will be doing the dinners for the Masonic Lodge. Think about it and if you can help please let the Worthy Matron know.

Important dates for March are 11 March, Alamo Chapter meeting, 13 March, Ruidoso Chapter meeting and 17 March, Tularosa Chapter meeting. If you can, try and make all three and show your support of our chapter, but also the chapters within our district.

Star Love

Joyce Beckett, Worthy Matron

Mike Beckett, Worthy Patron

March 2008

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

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
						1 11:00 AM MTN Top @ Tularosa Lodge Table Lodge @ Sacramento 6:30 PM
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	9
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.	118 7:30 PM Ama- ranth Stated Mtg.	19 6:30 Tularosa Rit- ual Practice	20 7:30 PM Sacramento 24 Stated Meeting Dinner @ 6:30	21 6:00 PM Rocket Shrine Club	22
23/30	2431	25	26 6 :30 PM Sac 24 Ritual Practice	27	28	29

Monetary Support for the Tularosa/Mountain Top Newsletter
Mike Beckett & James Yeager