

**KING SOLOMON LODGE #5, F. & A.M.  
TOMBSTONE, AZ  
NEWSLETTER**



September 2008

Paul Kee, Worshipful Master

**IN THIS ISSUE:**

Stated meeting is Monday, September 8, at 7 pm. Meet us for dinner at 5:30 PM at Nellie Cashman's Restaurant at Toughnut and Fifth Streets in Tombstone.

September calendar

Upcoming events in October

News from around Cochise County and Arizona.

Lodge dues are now \$40, plus Grand Lodges per capita fee of \$16, totaling \$56.

Please pay your 2008 dues now. If you haven't yet, you are delinquent. And you are too old to be a delinquent!!!!

Famous Masons

**MASONIC ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2008**

**ALL MASONIC ORGANIZATIONS ARE BACK TO REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS**

- 1 Sep - Labor Day
- 2 Sep - Exercise your right to VOTE
- 2 Sep - Camp Stone Lodge #77 stated meeting at 7 PM. Dinner at 6 PM, Official Visit by Senior Grand Warden Michael Meier.
- 2 Sep - Pearl of Venus #6 OES stated meeting in Bisbee. Pot luck lunch at 1 PM. meeting at 2 PM.
- 3 Sep - Huachuca Lodge #53 stated meeting at 7 PM. Dinner at 6 PM
- 4 Sep - Perfect Ashlar Lodge #12 stated meeting at 7 PM. Dinner at 6 PM.
- 4 Sep - Electa Chap #51 OES stated at 7:30 PM.
- 8 Sep - King Solomon Lodge #5 stated meeting at 7 PM.
- 9 Sep - Mt Moriah Lodge #19 stated meeting at 7 pm.
- 10 Sep - Huachuca Lodge #53
- 11 Sep - Willcox Lodge #10 stated meeting at 7 PM.
- 12 Sep - Cochise High Twelve Club #703 meeting at 5:30 PM at the SV Elks Lodge. Everyone is welcomed to come and eat good fish.
- 13 Sep - Masonic Symposium hosted by Grand Lodge and ALL concordant Bodies. See

Arizona Masonry magazine Aug / Sep issue.

- 15 Sep - Chiricahua Ct #15, Order of the Amaranth stated meeting 7:30 PM.
- 16 Sep - Pearl of Venus #6 OES stated meeting in Tombstone. Pot luck lunch at 1 PM, meeting at 2 PM.
- 16 Sep - Adoniram Council #14 Cryptic Masons stated meeting 7 PM.
- 16 Sep - Coronado Chap #20 Royal Arch Masons stated meeting at 7 PM.
- 17 Sep - Huachuca Lodge #53
- 20 Sep - Huachuca Shrine Club meeting at 5:30 PM. We will meet at My Place Restaurant. Everyone is welcomed.
- 22 Sep - San Pedro Lodge #55 stated meeting at 7 PM.
- 23 Sep - Burning Taper Commandery #15 Knights Templar stated meeting at 7 PM.
- 24 Sep - Huachuca Lodge #53
- 25 Sep - Lodge of Perfection Scottish Rite in Tucson. Dinner at 6 PM meeting at 7:30 PM. Ladies are welcomed. Car pool from #53 at 5 PM.
- 26 - 27 Sep - High Twelve State Convention in Tucson. Contact Andy for details. Our very own WB Ralph Hooten is going in as State President.
- 28 Sep - Masonic Family Picnic at Reid Park, Ramada 18 & 19 in Tucson. Sponsored by the Scottish Rite of Tucson.

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

Huachuca Lodge #53 has scheduled December 13, 2008 as the Installation day for the 2009 Officers. Installation will be held at Huachuca Lodge #53 starting at 2 PM and is open to Family and Friends and a perfect opportunity to show off to non Masons.

### **FROM THE EAST - September message from 2008 Worshipful Master Paul Kee:** Greetings Brothers,

It's after Labor Day and many of the Masonic family activities start back up after being dark. This month there will be the annual Prescott outdoor degree at the Fain Ranch. If you haven't been to one you have really missed out on a great time. Date and time are in Arizona Masonry.

On Sept. 28 is the Tucson Scottish Rite Picnic at Reid Park in Tucson. It's from 10am-3pm, and everyone in the Masonic Family is welcome. Just show a dues card from any organization to get meal tickets for everyone in your party. It's a great opportunity to introduce a prospect to Masonry, as well as see brothers and friends that you haven't seen for awhile.

On October 6th, Richard McNeill, our Junior Grand Deacon, will make his official visit to our Lodge. Let's have a big turnout to welcome him and to show that Masonry is alive and well in Tombstone, Arizona.

Our Lodge elections are coming up in November. If you're interested in holding an elected office remember there are proficiency requirements for the Wardens and Master.

The JW must be proficient in opening, closing, and conferring in one degree. The SW must open, confer, and close in two degrees. The WM must be proficient in all degrees and a degree lecture. Requirements must be met before you can be installed. If you are interested in an appointed chair then let us know and you might get your wish!

We still have a candidate in the works. He needs his FC and MM degrees, and we will do them as he progresses. However, we still need petitions from other good men in the community. Put your recruiting cap on and help the lodge with membership.

See you in Lodge,

Paul

## **MASONRY AROUND COCHISE COUNTY**

### **HUACHUCA SHRINE CLUB**

The September 20, 2008 Shrine Club meeting will start at 5:30 PM and we will again meet at My Place Restaurant. Everyone is welcomed, especially Master Masons who are interested in becoming a Shriner. We will hear the report on the successful picnic held August 2nd and the amount of money raised in support of our Charity. Please mark your calendar now for October 18 when we will host SABBAR Potentate Jim Wolfe and his Lady Mayno and Divan for the Clubs Official Visit. This will be a dress-up affair with reservations required. Please honor your reservations, as they need to be prepaid. We will need at least thirty reservations, so please try to attend.

### **COCHISE MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB**

The September 12 meeting will be held at the SV Elks Lodge in the PER room starting at 5:30 PM. We will again enjoy the Friday Night Fish Fry, or chicken. We are not sure about the cost. They did increase prices, so we're thinking we will pay about nine dollars. The guest speaker will be Bro. Bruce Wood, who will talk about Islam. Bruce is well versed on this subject, so plan on being there and enjoy friends, food and fellowship.

The State Annual Convention will be held in Tucson on September 26 & 27, 2008.

This is special, as our very own WB Ralph Hooten will be installed as the State President. We would encourage as many as possible to attend in support of WB Ralph.

The installation will be on Saturday evening and an over-night stay should not be necessary. This installation is open to family and friends.

### **COCHISE SCOTTISH RITE CLUB**

The next Club meeting is scheduled for October 11 at Huachuca Lodge #53, starting at 7 AM. Breakfast will be available (and is always good). WB Jack Wright will talk about the degrees we as a Club perform on November 7 & 8, 2008 in Tucson. We will again have candidates from Tucson and Phoenix, which makes for a nice size class. We will also have guest speakers from Tucson. This meeting is the perfect opportunity to let WB Jack know that you are interested in helping with the degree work.

Our current Club President, Brad Snyder, has resigned that position. Rather than hold new elections, we will probably pro tem the office. WB Don Rodger is the current Vice President.

There will be no Honors Luncheon this year. It will now be held every two years when the honors are awarded.

That's the news from around the county. Why not participate in one or more of these Masonic organizations? For Masonic information, education, and news, visits our web site at [www.azmasons.org](http://www.azmasons.org).

Andrew M. Anderson, P.M.

### **FROM THE SIDELINES**

The question asked last issue was "What is a Lodge and the purpose of Freemasonry today?" Of course the answer is that the purpose of Freemasonry is to provide a way to help each other become a better person in the environment of the Masonic Lodge, which is the meeting place. See: two questions - one answer.

Ready for a new question? Yeah? Then here it is, and this is something we have all performed in Lodge: "What is the Rite of Disalceation?"

The answer next month. E-mail me ([aanderson94@cox.net](mailto:aanderson94@cox.net)) with your comments on this question and we'll discuss them here next month.

Gloves - like the apron, are a symbol of innocence, and of fidelity. In Masonry their use is extremely old. Originally gloves were for two Masonic purposes: to protect the hands against injury and to keep them warm. But gloves also keep the hands clean. It is almost a universal practice for Masons to wear white gloves when in formal wear before the public, as at cornerstone laying and funerals. In many lodges white gloves are commonly worn by the assembled brethren. Officers in Grand Lodge, when in formal evening dress, customarily wear white gloves. In Masonic funeral services in some jurisdiction, white gloves are deposited with the apron in the grave.

### **RETENTION AND EXPANSION**

Retention is the art of keeping the members we have and those that may join. It has a far different solution than expansion, and should be treated separately. Reasons for losing members include death, moves, and more.

Expansion (regarding membership) - means increasing in size. This is a whole different animal and it takes everyone working together to increase the membership.

Generally, Mason are reluctant to bring in new members. Why?! This is the root of the problem.

### **FAMOUS MASONS FROM THE WORLD OF LITERATURE**

Continuing with our theme of famous Masons in the world of entertainment, this month's installment lists famous classical music composers. This list includes both William Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, of Gilbert & Sullivan. Also Wolfgang Mozart, Jean Julius Sibelius, and Ludwig van Beethoven (unconfirmed). Johann Christian Bach, (1735-1782), son of Johann Sebastian Bach, was a Mason.

Franz Haydn (1732-1809), was a member of Lodge Zur Wahren Eintracht, in Vienna, and Franz von Liszt (1811-1886), belonged to Lodge Zur Einigkeit, in Frankfurt. Rouget de Lisle was initiated in 1782 into Loge Les Freres Discrets.

Next month: more famous Masons.

### **KING SOLOMON LODGE #5 OFFICERS FOR 2008:**

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Don't hesitate to call on them and talk for a while.

**BRING A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER TO LODGE**

For those brethren who have the capability, please make a few copies of this newsletter and bring it to Lodge with you on Monday night, September 8th, so lodge visitors and those members who do not have e-mail can have a copy to read. Thank you.