

# BUILDERS LODGE 60

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## WISDOM FROM THE EAST

WM JERRY TAYLOR

“We are United Masonry  
in Action”

My brothers in Masonry,

Happy New Year to all.



As we start this new year we have several goals in mind. These are just a few that have been mentioned to me recently.

Keep stated meetings down to one hour. This allows us a little more coffee time afterwards.

Do timely degree work. This requires both candidates and officers to be prepared and proficient.

Have well attended pot-luck dinners with family members on stated meetings. Please bring guests if you wish.

Increase the number of sideline for stated meetings and for degree nights. We

have some very eager officers and candidates you will enjoy seeing in action.

Increase the number of member attendees on family night. It has been much better attended in recent months. We may also have some lodge proficiency practice at the same time in the lodge room.

We will also have several other lodge functions thru the year such as table lodges in March and September. These were started last year by then WM Dutch and they were lots of fun and well attended. We will have our picnic in October.

Finally, thanks to all of you for your hard work and commitment. Please contact me if you have any comments 749-4149 or taylorwm01@ hot-mail.com.

Fraternally Yours,

JERRY TAYLOR, WM

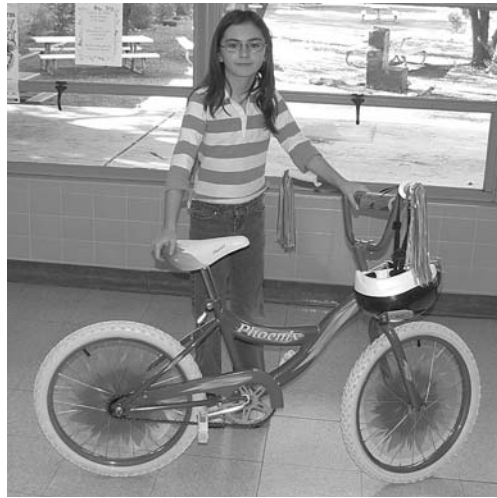
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Judy King, 4th Grader

Corbett Elementary School

These two fourth graders at Corbett Elementary School are the fall semester's winners of the our Bikes for Books program. The prize bikes were awarded on December 14, 2007 to Judy King and Paul Yslas by WM Dutch Steenbakker, Brother Dave Hanna and Brother Jim Olech

Paul Yslas, 4th Grader

Corbett Elementary School



# WAGES FROM THE WEST

## SW EMMANUEL STEENBAKKER

### My Brothers in Masonry,



I approach this article for the 1st quarter in the New Year of 2008 with a two fold purpose and will also ask the rhetorical question, "WHY ARE YOU A MEMBER OF BUILDER'S LODGE".

My first purpose is to report to the brethren the State of their Lodge. As the new Junior Past Master, I would like to first thank those brothers who have helped in the successes we enjoyed this past year. The number of brothers who are deserving of wages by personifying our unofficial logo "We are United Masonry in Action" for the Masonic Year 2007 are many. However, here are a few who have expended significant time and labor to make my year as Master a joy: Worshipful Brother Ed Wahl for instilling a sense of pride in our ritual work by incessantly hounding us to do better in our ritual work; Worshipful Brother Jerry Taylor for serving as my Segundo in the position of Senior Warden, acting as my sounding board for new ventures, listening to my complaints when I felt things were going to slow, and for offering sage advice; Worshipful Brother Ben Pronneke for always being there when needed, no matter how short the time frame and for his contributions in making the "Table Lodge" an enjoyable part of Builder's Lodge 60 social and educational activity; Worshipful Brother Kurt Blanchard for keeping me straight in the East; Brother Jim Olech for his efforts with our Public School projects, this news letter and the web page; my officer line for their dedication, devotion and enthusiasm in making this Lodge the place for "United Masonry in Action"; and those brethren who came to see what was going on in Lodge and then stayed as supportive sideliners and fill in various roles in ritual.

Due to the aforementioned brothers, during the Masonic year 2007, our lodge initiated 6 brothers, passed 5 brothers and raised 3 brothers, thereby insuring that Builder's Lodge 60 had a positive growth in membership this Masonic Year. Many of our new Master Masons are now serving in our officer line with pride and dedication. This past year, our Lodge instituted the "Table Lodge" and had three successful, enjoyable and educational table lodges which were all well attended. We began a partnership with Corbett Elementary School by starting a "Book for Bikes Program" an "Adopt a Class Program" and "Honor an Educator Program". The first bikes were awarded to deserving students this past November during an assembly of the entire school; a stipend of \$200 was awarded to Ms Sunthai Johnson, who teaches 2nd grade, to assist with purchasing class supplies not provided by the District; and one educator will be selected by her peers to be honored along with representatives of Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters by Builder's Lodge 60 during a spring banquet. We have supported the hungry of Tucson with hundreds of dollars donated

during lodge meetings and from donations to dinners before meetings. In thoughtful support of our junior Masonic organizations, we have already given \$1,000 to the DeMolays and a \$1,000 to each Daughters of Job Bethel. We still are in the process of giving both Rainbow Girls organizations \$1,000 each. We have brought back the 4th of July family picnic which was very successful although it could have been attended a little bit better but then there is always next year. There were dinners at every function, initiated by Worshipful Brother Dave Haynes during his year, they have continued with great success and enjoyment. Masonic socializing with refreshments after meetings is seeing resurgence with most members now staying after lodge for social interactions with their brethren. Our Masonic social night with Blue Grass on the 4th Wednesday of each month continues to be a huge success, is well attended and has had varied delicious food menus.

However even with the many successful ventures, Builder's Lodge 60 has not yet reached that vaunted place we had achieved in the past, that of being the premier Lodge in Arizona Masonry at the forefront of what Masonry symbolized to us and our communities. Let us not rest on our laurels and be satisfied with what we have done but continue to strive to do better. Our ritual, although it has become very good, has not yet risen to what it can be. Attendance at various Lodge functions, although it is growing, is still dismal percentage wise. We have approximately 10% of the membership who attend functions. We can and must do better than that if we are to make Masonry meaningful to all of you who have chosen the Light. Administration of the Lodge and its various functions need to be brought into the 21st century to be effective. Dress, comportment and Masonic knowledge by our officers and lodge brethren in general need to reach higher standards.

These have been some of the high lights of what is now going on in Lodge and what we yet have to strive to achieve and build. We and our Lodge started our journey to light as rough ashlar, apprentices, and we and our Lodge will become perfect ashlar, master masons in fact and action, if we continue on the path of knowledge, seeking light and thereby achieving the true secret of Masonry. The future under the leadership of Worshipful Master Jerry Taylor will be very bright indeed if we continue in the vein we have started and support him with all our capabilities.

My second purpose is short indeed. With the honor the brethren of Builder's Lodge 60 have placed on my by electing me to the West, I want to assure you of my commitment, dedication and loyalty to this Lodge, its membership and is Worshipful Master. I believe by your actions in electing Jerry Taylor to Worshipful Master, myself to Senior Warden and Brother David Hanna to Junior Warden, you have expressed your desire for the lodge to continue in the vein started by Worshipful Brother David Haynes and to have consistency in its leadership along with a vision of a bright future.

The line officers of the lodge will continue training and working to exemplify the best this lodge has to offer to Masonry and our community. The number of petitions coming in are still very good and we will be starting this year with several 1st and 2nd degrees. We are and continue to be "United Masonry in Action". Finally, I leave you with the question which I posed at the begin-

ning of this epistle for you to answer, “Why am I a Member of Builder’s Lodge 60” and add to that “Why did I become a Mason”. I would like you to ponder these questions and if you find your answers to be lacking or if you find yourself missing what you sought when you were raised, come back to lodge and be active, within what you are capable of doing, in bringing the light of Masonry back into your life and into your Lodge. Always fraternally yours in Masonry.

Emmanuel “Dutch” Steenbakker, JPM/SW

INSIGHT FROM THE CHAPIN  
J. CURT BLANCHARD, PM

God is the Great Architect of the Universe.



That means that He designed And created it all. An architect draws designs of what a structure should look like, and Draws instructions of how the various parts should be connected. A building gives evidence of the intelligence and abilities of the architect who designed it. The universe In all its

greatness, power, beauty, and vastness, is constantly showing forth the unlimited intelligence, and creatorship abilities of The God who created it all.

How any intelligent human being can view the changing beauties of the heavens, and daily see the evidence of an Intelligent Designer all around him in the world in which we live, and still doubt the existence of a Supreme Being, is a fact of life far beyond my comprehension. However, man created and given life by God, has also been given the ability to say no to his Creator, if that is what he chooses to do. That does not prove anything other than that man has been given such an ability by the Creator Himself.

As The Great Architect of the Universe, God designed these human bodies in which we travel on our journey through this world. He designed the eyes, the ears, the brain, the heart, the stomach, the bone structure,, the nerve system, the blood system, the reproductive process and system, and all the rest of these marvelous vehicles in which we live our lives, and which we will leave behind when we depart this earth, and enter into that eternal spiritual dimension.

As the Great Architect of the Universe, God designed the principles and processes by which all creation has evolved through the long centuries of time. He has not been limited by the methods by which He has brought it all about, and by which He is still bringing creation forth. Yes, God is the Great Architect of the Universe, because He designed and created it all. He is the Source of life, and all the resources of life.

Fraternally

J.Curt Blanchard, PM, Chaplain

GUIDANCE FROM THE SOUTH  
JD DAVID HANNA

From the South

I would like to start by saying “Thank You !” The confidence the Past Masters have shown in me has been wonderful, but to be as well thought of by people I respect so much is truly rewarding.



As Junior Warden I’ll be responsible for the social events. If there is anything you would like to see happen, any events you think we should be involved in, let me know . The same goes for anything you would like to change.

The Senior Deacon and I are supposed to welcome and accommodate visitors. If you bring a guest, please come over and introduce us. If you see a new face, introduce yourself then bring them over.

I’m looking forward to the coming year and welcome any help or suggestions you the members, may have .

Again, Thank You.

David Hanna, JD

RECENT ACTIVITIES AND PHOTOS

ADOPT A CLASS PROGRAM



The elementary class of teacher Sunthai Johnson is the recipient of the Lodge #60 Adopt A Class Program at Corbett Elementary School in Tucson, AZ for the fall 2007 semester.

## CHARITY FROM THE BROTHERS ED WAHL, PM

### Are we willing to build it?

Several years ago while I was the Executive Officer, for DeMolay in Arizona, I attended a Grand Lodge training seminar, for the concordant bodies. One of the topics presented was "How to improve membership". Considering the steady declines in membership and the number of chapters closing, I paid close attention.

The trainer began by explaining how the Shrine started. He said the key to the Shiners growth was that they had a great charitable idea; free medical care for cripple children. It was something every community needed. They talked up the idea in their lodges and some masons joined them. In the beginning they were all volunteers but as they grew they needed full time employees and that meant money. They went public; banners, parades, circuses, football games. The public saw what they were doing and the donations flowed in and more mason joined.

They brought fun into the organization so that it wasn't all work and no play. They made different units within the shrine and they built another hospital and more masons joined and more money came in. They were a building organization that was helping little children! They were national now. The circuses got bigger and the parades got bigger and they built another hospital and more mason joined and more money came in. They continued to grow and build, and grow and build; more hospitals, more cripple children. When they were big enough, there was no need for more hospital, so they stopped growing.

They turned from a building organization to a maintenance organization and the interest waned. It seemed that no one wanted to be part of a maintenance organization, it lack the excitement of a building organization. Membership declined, along with the donations.

The growing phase of the shrine seems to me to be an outline Masons should look into. If you wanted to be a success you need to:

1. Select a charity that is a real need in every community in the state, such as the foods bank. Pima County has 68,542 children who are eligible for food stamps. Some of these children miss 18 meals a month.
2. Let it be known that Freemasonry is against children going to bed hungry.
3. Collect a dollar per member at each meeting. Each dollar donated to the food bank will buy ten dollars worth of food.
4. If your community doesn't have a food bank, start one.

I have been asked on several occasions, "What charity does your lodge support?" And I have been able to say that we

are contributing to the food bank. That is a good thing but it is not enough. One lodge, alone, cannot make the impact on the public that I think necessary. It needs the concerted effort of all Arizona Masons. Just as every Shriner, actively supported their great charitable idea, medical treatment for cripple children; we need a great charitable idea, something for every Arizona Mason to support. It must be something that will benefit all the people of Arizona not just Arizona Masons. We need a charitable program that will transform us from a maintenance organization to a building origination.

Every successful business man knows that the secret to success, in any business, is to find a need and will it. It is that simple! In Arizona, as in most states, there are many areas that need help. The food bank is one idea, I am sure there are others. There is a saying that "if you build it they will come". Are you willing to build it??

Fraternally Yours,

CHARITY COMMITTEE - EDWIN WAHL, PM

NEW LODGE ACTIVITY DESIGNED FOR OUR LADIES

### QUILTING PROGRAM

We are starting a quilting program for the ladies while we are attending lodge at our stated meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. We plan on having some experienced quilters to help any one who is just starting. This may also be extended to our family night if there is enough interest. Please include this with the newsletter. Lynn Wilcox and Connie Taylor (749-4149) will be the instructors.

### NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the second edition of our newly constituted Lodge #60 newsletter. Any and all constructive comments, criticisms and suggestions are welcome to help me continue to craft and morph this educational and informative document into the most useful vehicle that it can be become. My e-mail is jolech@comcast.net and my home phone it (520) 577 0083.

BROTHER JIM OLECH,  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

# FIRST QUARTER BIRTHDAYS FOR LODGE #60 BROTHERS

January 24 - Steven Alan  
 January 5 - David Allen  
 January 14 - Jeffery Alvin  
 January 5 - Larry Andrew  
 January 19 - Douglas Burnell  
 January 20 - Kenneth Earl  
 January 2 - Charles Edward  
 January 22 - Dale Edwin  
 January 27 - Lynn Hallett  
 January 19 - Daniel Jackson  
 January 30 - William James  
 January 20 - Earle Kenneth  
 January 14 - Kenlee Lloyd  
 January 24 - John Martin  
 January 17 - Steven Michael  
 January 31 - James Robert  
 January 7 - Christopher William  
 January 29 - William  
 February 10 - William Albert  
 February 18 - Jess Colin  
 February 9 - James Dale  
 February 26 - John Edmund

February 11 - Frederick Harold  
 February 17 - Billy Joe  
 February 29 - Jerry Joseph  
 February 15 - Felipa Pierre  
 February 13 - James Olech  
 February 9 - Thomas Wesley  
 March 28 - James Albert  
 March 19 - Wayne Allen  
 March 22 - Ian Anthony  
 March 18 - Roger Clawson  
 March 18 - Lewis Dean  
 March 7 - William Ernest  
 March 2 - Boris John  
 March 27 - Earl Joseph  
 March 19 - Martin Keith  
 March 31 - Travis Kent  
 March 21 - Jerome Malcolm  
 March 4 - David Michael  
 March 2 - Charles Orval  
 March 21 - Fredrick Robert  
 March 10 - Benjamin Rockwell  
 March 16 - Robert Wayne

Birthdays are listed chronologically by date of birth; however, the year is not shown. If the date or name is wrong or missing please advise the web master so that a correction may be made.

## FIRST QUARTER 2008 EVENTS

January 6 - Ritual Practice @ 6:30PM

January 9 - Stated Meeting after Potluck Dinner @ 6:30PM

January 16 - 1st Degree Ritual @ 7pm after Potluck dinner at 6:30PM

January 21 - Ritual Practice @ 6:30PM

January 28 - Ritual Practice @ 6:30PM

January 30 - 2nd Degree Ritual @ 7PM. This follows a Pot Luck Dinner starting @ 6:30PM

February 2 - 3rd Degree Practice @ 6:30 PM

February 13 - Stated Meeting @ 7PM after Potluck Dinner to be served at 6:30PM. Quilting Program

February 20 - 3rd Degree Ritual after Potluck @ 6:30PM

February 23 - February 27 - Family Night Blue Grass @ 6:30PM

February 27 - 1st Degree Ritual Practice @ 6:30PM Bluegrass Family night

March 3 - 1st Degree Ritual Practice @ 6:30PM

March 5 - 1st Degree Ritual after Potluck @ 6:30PM

March 12 - Stated Meeting @ 7PM after Potluck Dinner to be served at 6:30PM. Quilting Program

March 26 - Family Night Blue Grass @ 6:30PM

March 28 - Mar 29 - Mason Education Academy, Prescott, AZ

WORSHIPFUL MASTER  
JERRY TAYLOR  
2008



PAST WORSHIPFUL MASTER  
EMMANUAL STEENBAKKER  
2007



OFFICERS FOR 2008

Worshipful Master - Jerry Taylor - 520 749 4149

Senior Warden - Dutch Steenbakker JPM - 520 760 0786

Junior Warden - Dave Hanna - 520 885 0589

Senior Deacon - Gene Gutierrez - 520 745-8506

Junior Deacon - Ben Pronneke - 520 885 4836

Franklin H. Tyrrell, Secretary/PM

Treasurer - Jeff Heath

Senior Deacon - Gene Guttierrez

Junior Deacon - Andrew Kunsberg

Senior Steward - Tom Royce

Junior Steward - Ben Pronneke

Chaplain - J. Curt Blanchard, PM

Marshall - William Bokker

Tyler - William A. Bennis

Musician - David Haynes, PM

Mason of the Year - James R. Olech

COMMITTEES FOR 2008

Charity Committee – Edwin Wahl, PM

Masonic Education – Ben Pronneke, PM

Membership Committee – David Hanna

Past Masters' Night – Emmanuel "Dutch" Steenbakker, JPM

Picnic Committee – David Hanna

Ritual Committee – Edwin Wahl, PM

Sickness and Distress – Fred Compton, PM

Table Lodge Committee – Emmanuel "Dutch" Steenbakker

Widows and Orphans – William Bennis, Mason of the Year

School Programs & Newsletter Committee – Jim Olech

Builder's Lodge 60 Web Master - Jim Olech 520 577 0083

Mason of the Year 2007