

BUILDERS LODGE 60

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**“We Are Masons In Action”
The Trestle Board**

WISDOM FROM THE EAST

WM DUTCH STEENBAKKER

“We are United Masonry in Action” My brothers in Masonry,

With this issue, we have again resurrected our news letter. You can anticipate receiving this letter with news from the Lodge along with a schedule of activities on a quarterly basis. I would like to thank Brother Jim Olech for formatting a putting this news letter together. I would also like to thank Senior Warden Jerry Taylor and Worshipful Brother Ben Pronneke for their contributions to this letter.



Although providing the brethren with a newsletter took some time in coming, the officers of Builder’s Lodge 60 and I feel it is important that the brethren have up to date communication from the Lodge in order to plan their Masonic participation. For be it know, that without knowledge of what the lodge is doing, no one can easily participate. I hope you enjoy this edition and find it worthwhile.

This Masonic Year is now almost over, and a busy year it has been. For the first 8 months we were busy with ritual; initiating 5 candidates and then passing and raising them, along with ritual work left over from the last Masonic year. The Lodge is again in that envied position of being able to do all three degrees with lodge brethren only. We continue to have family night with “Blue Grass” music on the 4th Wednesday of each month. We have had 3 “Table Lodge” rituals with the last one open to family and friends. We have

had several longevity awards ceremonies. We are again active in the “Books for Bikes” program in the public schools. Charity has been strongly adopted by the brethren with thousands of dollars donated to our junior Masonic organizations along with other community charities. Attendance at Lodge functions is on the rise. We have delicious potluck at stated meetings and excellent food is served all other functions. Those who have attended these functions can attest that there is a strong rising Masonic spirit at this Lodge and it is again fun, interesting, and rewarding to meet with ones fellow brethren. Yes, “We are (becoming) United Masonry in Action”. We are meeting the goals that I promised you when you gave me the honor of becoming your Master.

At times this year, I have been at times extremely proud of my officer line when they showed an unparalleled excellence and at other times despondent when they lapsed to mediocrity. From the bottom of my heart, I thank our past Masters for coming forward to fill in the gaps and demonstrating why they are the strong backbone of Builders 60.

To date, we have met many of the goals that I promised the Lodge. I invite all brothers, from the youngest Entered Apprentice to the oldest and most honored Master Mason to give me and all the officers’ advice and assistance so that the Lodge can continue to reflect the best of what you all want. I urge you to come to Lodge and see the change.

Fraternally Yours,

EMMANUEL “DUTCH” STEENBAKKER, WM

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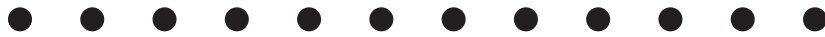
WAGES FROM THE WEST SW JERRY TAYLOR

It is September 18, 2007 as I write this and we are back at work with a good bit of work before us this fall along with our usual social programs and stated meetings. One of my main involvements since my year as Master in 2001 has been the family night. This was started by WB Bob Wood and I as a night for fun with food and music. At times it is well attended other times it has not been. I believe it is very important we have one Wednesday of the month free from degree work as a part of our overall Masonic Program. I am sure this can be improved. WM Dutch has done a tremendous job in food area and if you haven't been there for that alone you have really missed out. What I would like comments on is what else we could do as an activity for Family Night. We could have

a bridge night, domino night, fish dinner night stake dinner night etc. Please let me know at the next meeting or family night if you have any suggestions.

On another note we have had a good deal of work this year and we have had several of our line officers really step up to the plate as far as learning the work. We will soon be ready for elections for the next year. Now is the time to be thinking about taking a chair for next year. It is a very rewarding experience and is your opportunity to make your mark in the lodge. We have a really great line of officers and I believe it is a really good time to get in the officer line.

SW JERRY TAYLOR



NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the first quarterly 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 become. My e-mail is jolech@comcast.net and my home phone it (520) 577 0083.

BROTHER JIM OLECH,
NEWSLETTER EDITOR



OUR MASONIC IMAGE

It is no secret that membership and participation in the Masonic fraternity have been declining for about 50 years. Many Masons simply turn their heads and comment, "Well, it is not our fault as Masons. All fraternal organizations are facing the same problem. There's an attitude that it's no longer 'fashionable' to join such groups." As members and leaders of the fraternity, our approach should be of a more positive nature. We must make opportunities to modify or even eliminate that attitude. The membership committees of our various Masonic bodies are all seeking an answer to the same question, "Why aren't our friends and relatives becoming Masons?"

Together, let's explore one possibility I feel sheds a glimmer of light on part of the problem. Over the same 50 years of membership decline, Masonry, little by little, has become less and less visible in the daily life of our communities. Our Masonic "image" has faded or disappeared. Yes, in the public's eye, we have lost a large measure of our fraternal significance. When you tell someone you are a Mason, how often have you been asked, "Just who are the Masons and what do they do?" Clearly, not only do we have a loss in membership, but more importantly, there is also a loss of Masonic Identity.

We have allowed the general public to forget how important the teachings of Freemasonry are to the fabric of society. Masonry should not be, and cannot be, kept inside the individual. It is a philosophy to be shared with others. We need to constantly invigorate our personal approach to Masonic involvement, making it an experience that is rewarding and relevant not only to us but to others as an enticement to

join our fraternity. The future of our fraternity rests on our shoulders. Yes, OUR shoulders. We are the custodians of Masonry's valuable heritage and teachings, and are challenged to preserve them for future generations. As we offer to share our love of Masonry with others, we must never, NO, NEVER, compromise the basic teachings and philosophy of the fraternity. We must look for every opportunity to promote the virtues of our fraternity and, as we succeed in doing so, our members will have valid reasons to maintain their membership, and we will be well on our way to enticing others to seek a Masonic relationship.

According to an ancient Chinese proverb, "Confucius says: 'He who catches big fish does not take alley on way home.'" As Masons, we too need to brag a little. We must continually beat our own drum to remind the general public of the accomplishments of our fraternity and the sincerity and compassion with which we do these charitable works for society. As we strive toward the common goal of sharing fraternal love with others, it should be our personal goal to once again restore a positive Masonic Identity in our communities. Such an image will have the potential of creating a desire for others to seek membership in our fraternity. We must continue to personally invite men of good moral character to join with us in our challenge to "make good men better men." Our fraternity must be restored to the prominent role in society that it deserves. Then it will no longer be necessary for the public to ask, "Just who are the Masons and what do they do?"

BEN PRONNEKE, PM

LODGE EDUCATION OFFICER

50 & 25 YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS



50 year membership recognition awards were granted on September 19, 2007 at our lodge. Brothers Hugh B. Hayward, David A. Hunnewell and Calvin E. Sheets were the recipients present.



25 year membership recognition award was granted on September 19, 2007 at our lodge to PM Brother David R. Haynes.

RECENT ACTIVITIES AND PHOTOS



Brother John William Wallace
initiated July 17, 2007



Table Lodge at Builder's
Lodge #60 on September
19, 2007 Toasting With
Primed Cannons



Brother Erik Recardo Timmer
initiated July 25, 2007



Table Lodge at Builder's
Lodge #60 on September
19, 2007 Feasting

FROM ROUGH TO PERFECT ASHLARS

OFFICERS FOR 2007

Worshipful Master -Dutch Steenbakker
Ritual Coach – Edwin E. Wahl, PM
Senior Warden - Jerry Taylor, PM
Junior Warden - Carlos Urrea:
Franklin H. Tyrrell, Secretary/PM
Treasurer - Jeff Heath
Senior Deacon - David Hanna
Junior Deacon - Gene Gutierrez
Senior Steward - Pierre Waller
Junior Steward - Tom Royce
Chaplain - J. Curt Blanchard, PM
Marshall - William Bokker
Tyler - William A. Bennis, Mason of the Year
Musician - David Haynes, JPM/PM

COMMITTEES FOR 2007

Charity Committee – Edwin Wahl, PM
Masonic Education – Ben Pronneke, PM
Membership Committee – David Hanna
Past Masters' Night – David Haynes, PM
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

NEXT QUARTER EVENTS

- October 3 - Officers' Meeting and Practice
- October 6 - Present \$1,000 Check to Bethel #25 At Tucson #4 9:30AM
- October 7 - Present \$1,000 Check to Bethel #7 at Scottish Rite Temple, 1:30PM
- October 10 - Stated meeting at 7PM Potluck Dinner at 6:30P
- October 13 - Lodge of Excellence Meeting for all officers at Lodge: 7A - 11A
- October 17 - Officer Meeting and Practice
- October 24 - Friends & Family Nite 6:30P Serving Hamburgers w/fixings
- October 31 - Octoberfest & Fellowship Nite at 6:30P
- November 7 - Officers' Meeting & Practice at 6:30P Refreshments will be served.
- November 14 - Stated Meeting & Elections at 7P Potluck Dinner at 6:30P
- November 18 - Installation of officers at 2PM, followed by Reception and refreshments
- November 21 - 2nd Degree at 7P Dinner at 6:30P, refreshments after degree
- November 28 - Friends & Family Nite w/Blue Grass Music at 6:30PM. Hamburgers & Fixings
- December 3 - Officer Ritual Practice for 2nd Degree at 7P Refreshments will be serve3d
- December 5 - 2nd Degree at 7P Dinner at 6:30P w/refreshments after degree
- December 12 - Stated meeting at 7P Potluck Dinner at 6:30P



RSVPs WOULD BE APPRECIATED FOR THE DINNERS AND SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

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