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Nelson C. Bledsoe Lodge #74, F&AM
 4830 South Sixth Avenue
 Tucson, Arizona 85714

JANUARY 2016

Welcome to Nelson C. Bledsoe Lodge *The Friendliest Lodge in Arizona!*

Our Stated Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (except July & August) starting at 7p.m. There is dinner preceding the meeting at 6p.m. There is usually someone at the lodge every Tuesday night. Different activities take place on these Tuesday, such as Masonic Education, informative presentations, ritual practice, or just good old-fashioned fellowship.



Up Coming Events

01/01/2016	Friday, New Year's Day
01/05/2016	Rod Handling & Lights & the Doors.
01/12/2016	Dinner and Stated Meeting
01/19/2016	Open Lodge on the 2 nd
01/26/2016	3 rd Degree Practice
02/02/2016	Who are Masons and What do they do?
02/09/2016	Dinner and Stated Meeting
02/16/2016	3 rd Degree Practice
02/23/2016	Master Mason Degree
02/24/2016	Start of Rodeo week, see note page 2
03/01/2016	Giving and Getting, be it not a Rusty Nail
03/08/2016	Dinner and Stated Meeting
03/15/2016	
03/22/2016	
03/29/2016	Pot Luck Dinner

From the East

Martin T. Jones, PM

If you missed the December 22nd 2015 meeting, first you missed a great meal. Secondly, I laid out a general plan for the coming year including a little different (but more formal) form of training, as well as plans to meet the requirements for the Master Builder Award, make improvements to the building, work with the Widows, and some capital purchases. There are a few other things on that list which we will work on.

Again, I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to clean up and paint the lodge prior to the Installation. I have received many compliments about the great work. Thanks to all of you.

I have some sad news to pass along to you, Brothers. Brother George Ouzts passed away on Monday morning, December 28th. I will pass along additional information as it comes to me.

From The Secretary

Wes Stokes, PM

Check your dues card; if it says 2015 then your dues are now past due and payable to the Secretary. Your dues are the lifeblood on which your lodge operates. Please pay as soon as possible. Dues for 2016 are now \$105.00; there has been an increase this year in the Grand Lodge Per Capita to \$33. Per Capita payments are required to be paid by Lodges for each member regardless of the member's status: Regular, Perpetual or Senior Life. ***If you are a Perpetual or a Senior Life member, you can always give the \$33 per capita charge to help out the lodge. Giving a little more to cover this cost allows the Lodge to use their funds to do other things. Besides our regular cost of operations, we donate to several Masonic Charities.***

From the Rodeo Parking Committee

Brethren, as we enter into the New Year, it is necessary to get ready for all the upcoming events, starting with our biggest fund raiser of the year: parking cars for the “Fiesta de los Vaqueros”. Once again we are in need of your help and participation. It is not hard work and actually sort of fun, especially the fellowship with the brethren.

On Wednesday, February 24, we will be striping the parking lot starting at 8:00 AM.

We will be parking cars for four days: Thursday-Sunday, February 25-28. Thursday, February 25 is the Rodeo Parade and we need to be at lodge around 5:00 AM because the streets are blocked off early. Parking duties will begin at 6:00 AM on Thursday, and at 7:00 AM Friday–Sunday.

This year some of those who have helped out in the past are not able to, so we sure do need **your** help. Give us a few hours or a whole day! Just call one of the brothers below to add your name to the list.

WB Wes Stokes, P.M. – 207-0131

WB Ron Allen, P.M. – 204-1902

WB Richard Morales, P.M. – 883-2185

2016 LODGE OFFICERS

Worshipful Master –Martin T. Jones, P.M....360-7740

Senior Warden – Andrew Klos.....

Junior Warden – Ronald Allen, P.M.....204-1902

Secretary – Wes Stokes, P.M.....207-0131

Treasurer – Bobbie Creech, P.M.....298-7175

Chaplain – Robert Ribbeck

Senior Deacon – Terry Godoy

Junior Deacon – George Parker

Senior Steward – Eduardo Medina

Junior Steward – Jacob Payne

Marshal – Bill Grimes, P.M.

Tyler – Bob Jenkins

TRUSTEES

1-year Trustee – Rick Schmidt, P.M.

2-year Trustee – Bill Grimes, P.M.

3-year Trustee – Robert Eck, P.M.

LODGE CONTACT

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Special Thanks

NEW OFFICERS: On December 20, 2015, Nelson C. Bledsoe participated in a joint installation with Anahuac Lodge #81. R.W.B. Craig L. Gross, Senior Grand Steward was Installing Master, with W. B. Vince Santos as Installing Marshal.

Congratulations

WHAT DOES M.O.T.Y. STAND FOR? MASON OF THE YEAR! Congratulations to our Mason of the Year 2016 Richard Morales, P.M. Well deserved.