



# The Landmark



The official newsletter of Mesa Lodge No. 68, A.F. & A.M.

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## SEPTEMBER MENU

Pork Roast  
Tuna Noodle Casserole  
Potatoes  
Veggies  
Green Salad  
Bread  
Desserts  
Coffee and Tea



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**The deadline for October Landmark Articles is midnight, September the 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## FROM THE SOUTH

**B**rethren and Friends of Mesa Lodge;

**~Think Positive, Be Positive, and Positive Things will Happen~**

Once again I need to thank everyone who helps make our Thursday

Meeting and Meals a Success. Thank you to the Rainbow Girls of Ashlar Assembly for their fine presentation.

This month is the DeMolay's turn to provide a program. The DeMolays of Mesa and Metro Chapter will be performing the DeMolay Degree, of which they are the Open Division Champions, at the Frank Marshall Tournament of Champions.

As you all know I am the Chapter Dad of Mesa Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Something I am very proud of. But once a year I have the Honor to be a Chapter Dad at the Great Plains Leadership Conference. 200 young men and Advisors, from 16 states,

meet for a week of Learning and Brotherhood. Something happened at this last Conference that I would like to share with you.

### THE BRIDGE!!

Besides the classes, there are

bucket are tied to the middle to see how much weight the bucket will hold until the bridge breaks.

Last year a couple of 16 year old young men in my Chapter from Wisconsin built the winning bridge. It was a beautiful

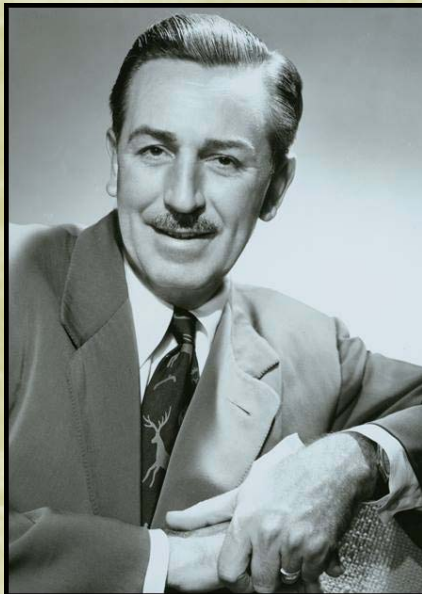
bridge all square and precise, and it broke the record, holding 55lbs.

This year, the 13 year old brother of last year's bridge builder was in my Chapter. He had heard all the stories of his brother's successes, and looked at a portion of that winning bridge all year long. So he naturally volunteered to head

up the building of the Bridge.

### UNBREAKABLE!!

This year's bridge was not as precise as last years. There were many pieces that weren't as square and level as last years. In fact it was the ugliest bridge in the competition. But his basics of building were



**"THE GREATEST MOMENTS IN LIFE ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH SELFISH ACHIEVEMENTS BUT RATHER WITH THE THINGS WE DO FOR THE PEOPLE WE LOVE AND ESTEEM"**  
- Walt Disney

a number of competitions the young men compete in: Athletic, Arts and Crafts, Filming a Commercial, Team Building and Spirit. One of the competitions is to build a bridge 30 inches long, made only with 200 Popsicle sticks, a bottle of white glue, and some clamps. The bridge is made so that it will extend between 2 tables. A rope and



**The Worshipful Master, Wardens and  
Officers of  
Mesa Lodge #68 & Hiram Lodge #13**

***Cordially invite you to our annual 2015 Table lodge.***



**Join the brethren of Mesa lodge #68 for a relaxing drink, 3 course dinner and fellowship at the 2015 Table Lodge. Cigars will be available for those that wish to purchase for an additional price.**

**Date: 26 Sep 2015**

**Location: 529 Chama St Ne Albuquerque NM.**

**Cost: \$25 per person for a drink and meal voucher please RSVP and pay in advance**

**Invitees: All Masons Welcome**

**Dress: Semi-formal- We are gentlemen, dress accordingly.**



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## FROM THE SOUTH, CONTINUED

good and he put a lot of time into it, making it strong. The bridges were set up for competition. The pretty ones seemed to break quicker, using their Popsicle sticks for beauty instead of strength. As the last Chapter to compete, we had to beat a weight of 35lbs. So they started adding weight to our bridge, which looked more like a 2x4 than a bridge. At about 25lbs the bridge began to bend. It bent so much that it fell through the tables and had to be reset. As the weight slowly edged to the 35lb mark, we began to hear chants of unbreakable from the room. The bridge kept bending and bending, but not breaking. Until finally at 45lbs the bridge fell through the supports again, still not broken, the winner, declared UNBREAKABLE.

### THE LESSON!!

I look at that bridge, as something symbolic of our Masonic Groups. The sticks represent all the virtues and teachings we have. In DeMolay it's our 7 Cardinal Virtues and the lessons of Jacques DeMolay. In Masonry we have our Holy Bible, Square and Compasses, the Flag, all our Working Tools, the lessons of our Lectures, and Degrees.

The glue represents the Brotherhood we share. The clamps, the time, attendance, and effort each of us must put forth to keep these great lessons ingrained in us.

Everyone has access to all the teachings of Masonry and DeMolay. But our Brotherhood, diligence, and understanding of the words, which we perform, are what make us different.

I take this lesson from the bridge. No matter what we look like on the outside, it is what we use to build and reinforce our lives that make each of us UNBREAKABLE and Better Men.

Fraternally yours:  
Leon Alderette  
Junior Warden

## FROM THE EDITOR

# Found on a cup in a Lodge in Ireland:

# “OLD MASONS NEVER DIE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO JOIN TO FIND OUT WHY”



## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER

Sidney F. Johnston, Jr.	9/8/1972
Truman Mayer	9/13/1955
Norman W. Courtney	9/14/1964
Albert J. LeMay	9/16/1961
John C. Campbell	9/16/1995
James R. Ferando	9/16/1995
Alec W. Fordyce	9/16/1995
Andrew W. Pomroy	9/16/1995
Paul W. Watson Jr.	9/16/1995
Roy T. Johnson Jr.	9/26/2005
Paul C. Lisle	9/27/1958
Donald M. Kupfer	9/28/1971
Wayne B. Tucker	9/28/1972



### THE LADIES AUXILIARY

**September 3, 2015:** Make Christmas Cards

**October 1, 2015:** Christmas Play Planning

**November 5, 2015:** Christmas Play Rehearsal

**December 3, 2015:** Christmas Play Performance

### FROM BETHEL NUMBER 2, IOJD

We have just returned from Supreme Session 2015 and we all had a fantastic time! We would like to congratulate Charlene Blackledge on being selected Supreme Representative to Mina's Gerias and Emily Christopher on being selected as the Supreme Representative to Ampas; we know that you will have a great time connecting with Jobie sisters from around the globe. Congratulations to Charlene Blackledge, Seara Burton and Emily Christopher for participating in the Performing Arts competition; we were told that they were the first girls ever from New Mexico to compete in Performing Arts. Congratulations to Emily Christopher for getting 2nd place in the Performing Arts competition for her dramatic reading. We would also like to congratulate Paula Blagrave on receiving the Degree of Royal Purple while at Supreme, the ceremony is one that is seldom seen and it was an honor to share this moment with her as an entire Bethel. We would again like to thank everyone that donated money to assist us in traveling to Supreme, your support allowed us to have the experience of a lifetime and we cannot thank you enough. If you haven't seen our Facebook page you should really check it out as it has numerous photos of Supreme Session 2015; it can be found at Job's Daughters Bethel 2 Albuquerque, New Mexico.

One of the biggest events that happened at Supreme was the passage of Amendment 10 to the Constitution and Bylaws. The passage of this amendment allows for Masonic sponsorship of a girl that does not have a Mason in her family heritage; after due diligence and exhaustive search the Associate Bethel Guardian can approach the lodge members and ask if someone would be willing to sponsor the prospective member so that she can join the organization. This amendment is such a "hot button" issue that our own Emily Blagrave started a petition that collected over 350 signatures to ensure that what the girls had voted on was thoroughly discussed and considered.

We will begin our regular meetings on September 13th at 2:00pm; this will be the first meeting in the new offices for the term. For those that may not know, the Bethel meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month with the 2nd Sunday being our formal meeting (meeting in robe/regalia) and the 4th Sunday being our practice/fun meeting. We also have a Bee Hive for Jobie's to be which meets one hour before the Bethel.

If you have an event coming up that you would like added to the Bethel calendar please email the Bethel at [bethel2abq@gmail.com](mailto:bethel2abq@gmail.com) or you can call the Bethel Guardian at 505-252-5154.

Thank you for your continued support;  
The Officers and Members of Bethel 2  
and the Bee Hive



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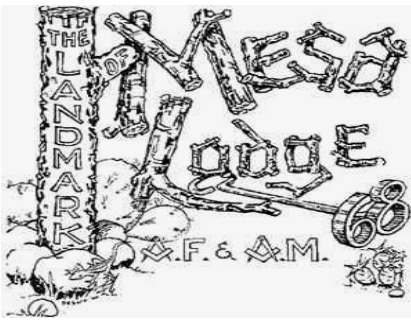
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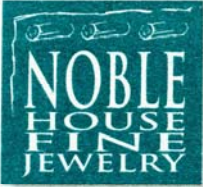
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