



# The Landmark



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

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## MARCH MENU

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Beef Stew

Vegetables

Salad & Bread

Irish Desserts

## FROM THE SOUTH

First of all I would like to thank the Lodge for honoring me with the "Mason of the Year" Award. I am deeply humbled and appreciative of this Honor. I feel I do not deserve to have my name on the plaque with such notable Masons. Thank you.

I hope everyone had a great time at our Mardi Gras party. The SRLC Graduation was truly moving and inspirational. I look forward to planning many more programs, at our stated meeting and meal, this year.

Our March meal will be a St. Patrick's Day Party. Don't forget your Green and we will give a free meal to the person dressed in their best Irish Clothing. At this

month's meal will also have a special presentation by Brother Jaime Reynoso, the Jr. Warden at Sandia Mountain Lodge #72. He has

Last month was incredible. We voted 4 new Entered Apprentices and 1 plural. We performed an EA and Fellowcraft Degree. Our Ritual practices have been awesome and informative. All in all I feel a sense of excitement and renewed Brotherhood in our Lodge.

Finally, I would like to continue to urge everyone to attend our Roadrunner Food Bank Charitable Service Day. Charity comes from the heart and effort, not just from our wallets.

Fraternally yours:  
Leon Alderette  
Junior Warden

a very entertaining presentation on "Masonry in Movies". I know you will enjoy seeing so many Masons and Masonic references in the Movies.



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**FROM THE SCOTTISH  
RITE LANGUAGE  
DISORDER CENTER**

Last month's family night was splendid. Two students from the Scottish Rite Language Disorder Center and their families had a scrumptious dinner and then the two girls graduated from the program. Between the two girls, fifteen guests were added to the dinner list.

Charlotte H.'s dad, Steven, became teary eyed when he took his turn to thank the Masons of Mesa Lodge for hosting the dyslexia therapy program. As a linguistic major in college, he has a deeper understanding of the importance of language than most. Yet, it was a few simple words that brought tears to his eyes. He said, "Charlotte can read. She can Read!"

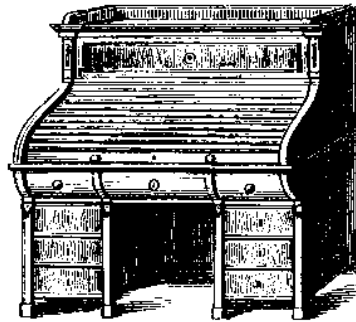
Adreana's dad, Javier, also took a few moments to share. After his words of gratitude, he shared that he has noticed a confidence in his daughter in school and public speaking. He shared that he is dyslexic and getting through high school and college were a challenge for him. He even said, "I do not know how I got through some of my classes when I could barely read!"

Adreana's fifth grade special education teacher, Mike Goss, also attended. He stood and thanked the lodge members for the program. In private he asked me if he could send about 50 more students. I assured him that would not be a problem.

Yet, this brings me to another topic, our center. Our center has the ability to grow bigger and greater than it is at this time. With this 2014-15 school year, the powers that be in Santa Fe made a drastic reduction in my hours. When the center first opened in September 2007, I was contracted with the Lodge of Perfection to work no more than 32 hours a week if the student load allowed. This September, with a full student load, my hours were cut to 18.25 a week.

This created a dilemma for me. I had to decide what services to cut from the program. I cut the beginning and end of year growth assessment. I put children on a wait list. I removed any break from my daily schedule, office time, and more. I am able to meet with prospective parents and assess prospective children, but finding 3-4 hours a pay period to evaluate the assessment and write a report is now a thing of the past. And the week I attend the annual dyslexia conference for CEUs and professional time, I had to cut hours from the children so I do not go over my weekly allotted hours.

This dilemma is also the parents of children who find this service and then can't get into our center because I am not allowed to work more hours. Nine years ago the vision was for the center to grow to two full time therapists and many students. I would like to do my part to create this vision. For the children.



**From  
The  
Secretary's  
Desk**

For some reason we have been experiencing some really different events among the brethren; we have had three deaths since Thanksgiving, some of the brethren have been in for surgery. One of the members house burned down the other night. We voted on four petitions at our last meeting. If you haven't been to lodge, you missed some great food and fellowship. Our Junior Warden is attempting to get us involved in neighborhood work with Temple Lodge #6. New Mexico Grand Lodge this year has the potential to become contentious. Come to a meeting and find out why.

I send out notices of our work by e-mail, if you do not get them and would like to, please send me a request at mesalodge68@aol.com. I will be sending out second notices for dues at the end of March. If you have not paid your dues yet please save me some postage by paying them now.

Richard P. Copeland



## MASONIC BIRTHDAYS MARCH

Leon T. Alderette	03/08/1979
Dennis J. Kirkpatrick	03/08/2012
Perry L. Randall	03/13/1958
Danny F. Ketchem	03/14/1968
Michael F. Hacker	03/16/2002
Scott T. Purvis	03/18/2014
David E. Perry	03/19/1973
Hon James E. Czel; III	03/21/1974
Joseph C. Deal	03/24/1959
Harry F. Opliger	03/25/1961
Bobby V. Short	03/25/1976
Lawrence B. Broadway	03/26/1964
Campbell L. Currison	03/28/1960
Arthur B. Flynn; Jr.	03/28/2006
James R. Overfelt	03/29/2007



## THE LADIES AUXILIARY

- March 5, 2015:** Jewelry Creation
- April 2, 2015:** Neckless Tree
- May 7, 2015:** Valentines Craft
- June 4, 2015:** Finish Valentines Craft
- July 2, 2015:** Scrap Booking
- August 8, 2015:** Making Kitchen Trivets
- 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

The month of February is halfway over and the Bethel has been busy. We are in the midst of a fundraising blitz as we are trying to take 9 people to Supreme Session in Lombard, Illinois. We are hosting a fashion show luncheon on Saturday, April 11th at Temple Lodge 6 at 11:00 am. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Bethel or council member for \$15. The fashions will be provided by Chico's. We have been given permission to hang a banner in the Mesa Lodge dining room to track our fundraising progress.

One of the most anticipated events of the year is the Shrine Circus. We always have the best time hanging out with the Masonic family helping to raise money for the Shrine Hospital. This year we voted to put an advertisement in the Circus program as we are trying to connect with past members as well as hopefully get new members. We actually met someone who was a Majority Member of Bethel 2 and didn't realize that we were still around. The Bees had their first experience selling programs and were partnered with the big girls, it is unclear who had more fun.

We are anxiously awaiting the results of the DeMolay Sweetheart elections which will be announced at the Sweetheart dance. We had two girls running for two different chapters; Emily Blagrave ran for Metro Sweetheart and Emily Christopher ran for Mesa Sweetheart, whatever the results we are proud of you! The Sweetheart dance will also be the last official act by Metro Sweetheart and Bethel 2 member Seara Burton when she installs the new Metro Sweetheart; she has had a fantastic year representing both the Bethel and the Chapter and we are proud of everything she accomplished during the year.

June 24th! Save the date! We would like to invite everyone to witness the Majority Ceremony of three of our members; Monica Montoya, Caitlyn Blagrave and Emily Blagrave. The ceremony will be immediately following the dinner. This ceremony is not done very often and we would love for everyone to join us in honoring these three beautiful ladies. We will be serving dinner for Hiram lodge at 6:00 pm; the cost is \$8 per person. The ceremony will be immediately following the dinner.

As always if you know of a young girl who might be interested in joining the Bees or the Bethel please have them contact the Bethel at [bethel2abq@gmail.com](mailto:bethel2abq@gmail.com) or via the Bethel website [jdibethel2abq.org](http://jdibethel2abq.org).



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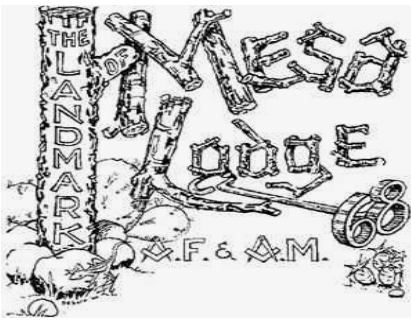
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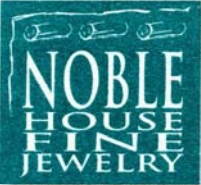
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