



The Landmark



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

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JANUARY MENU

Fettuccine Chicken Alfredo
 Beef with Mushroom and Tomato Sauce
 Sausage with Tomato Sauce
 4 different pastas
 Garlic toast
 Green Salad and dressings
 Sherbet and Jell-O
 Coffee and Tea



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The deadline for February Landmark Articles is midnight, January the 15th.

FROM THE SOUTH

My Brothers;
 I deeply appreciate the confidence you bestowed on me, in selecting me as your Junior Warden. I will strive to the best of my ability to continue the level of excellence in our meals. I will probably be adding chile or other spicy ac-

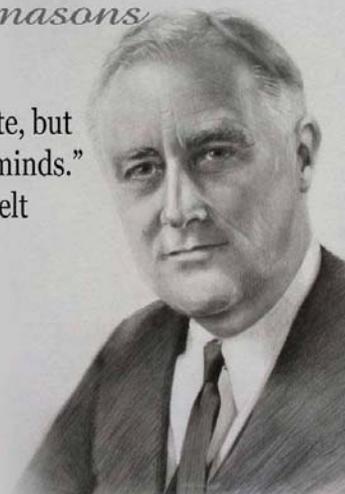
our Charitable Work. I know that we help sponsor the Learning Center, but we merely do this in a financial way. True Charity comes from the giving

Brigade. 600 Baskets with about \$90 worth of food were delivered. Those of you, who missed it, missed out on an incredible experience. To promote Mesa Lodge

and its Charity work, I will be setting up 3 hours ~ 8am - 11am~on a Saturday, once a month, for us to work with the Road Runner Food Bank. What a great way

Famous Freemasons

“Men are not prisoners of fate, but only prisoners of their own minds.”
 – Bro. Franklin D. Roosevelt



companiments with our meals. One new meal that will be added will be a Crab and Seafood boil as well as another Steak Night.

As Junior Warden I would like to promote

of your time as well. There are a lot of hungry, needy, people around us. It was no more evident than last weekend when we delivered food, in behalf of the Humble Fish Thanksgiving Basket

to show that we not only say the Words Charity, but that we practice it also.

Thank you:
 Leon Alderette
 Junior Warden

Mesa Charity Corporation announces the Vehicle Donation Program in support of our Youth Charities. Call us, and we'll arrange to pick up your car, truck, ATV, motorcycle, or boat for free. Just call (505) 504-7023 or e-mail us at mesacharity@aol.com. Mesa Charity Corp. is a 501c3 non-profit organization. Gifts, donations and bequests made to Mesa Charity Corp. are fully tax deductible. Your gift will benefit Albuquerque's young, its vulnerable, and its leaders of tomorrow through our charities: Scottish Rite Language Disorder Center, New Day Youth & Family Services, and our youth groups; DeMolay and Job's Daughters.



FROM THE SCOTTISH RITE LANGUAGE DISORDER CENTER

I wish to begin by informing you all that the graduation we had planned at the 4 Dec. lodge dinner and meeting has been postponed. If all goes as planned, we will host the graduation for two students at the February 2015 meeting.

I sent out a request to former students to answer four simple questions. I told the children and their parents that the answers to their questions would be in an upcoming Landmark. The four questions were:

1. How has the program changed your attitude towards school?
2. How had the program changed your grades in school?
3. What are you doing now? Working? Attending school?
4. If you could tell the Masons and others one thing about the program, what would you say?

Also, the parents were requested to add in a comment.

Four amazing girls sent in four amazing answers. As you read their responses, please refer to the questions as needed. Here are their responses as they were sent:

Monica Engle:

1. It has changed my attitude towards school by making me more confident in all the work I do in school.
2. It has improved my grades in school; I am even in a higher level English class.
3. I am currently attending Cottonwood Classical Prep. School. It is an International Baccalaureate school and I am currently in the first year of this two year program. (Side note, she is in her junior year of high school and taking classes that give her college credit.)
4. Thank-you Masons for allowing me to be in the program and to learn how to deal with my dyslexia.

Her father, Joe, added that he, "...defiantly appreciates all your help as well."

Caitlyn Blagrave:

1. My attitude towards school hasn't really changed over all. However, without going through this program I wouldn't have gone to college to further my education.
2. Since I started the program my grades in high school went from almost failing to passing with mid to high B's.
3. Right now I am going to college full time and working full time. Before the program I don't believe I would have made it through college, but I've passed all of my classes since starting the college. (side note: Caitlyn is a sophomore in a small private school in Kansas.)
4. The program really works. I wouldn't be where I am today without the program and I will never be able to thank Ms. Annette enough for that.

Gabby M.:

1. When I started the program I hated school. My mom would have to wake me up in the morning over and over cause I would roll over and go back to sleep. I would try to pretend I was sick. Now I like school. I have more confidence and I even volunteer to read out loud in my classes.
2. Right now I have A's and B's in school and 1 C. Before I started this program I was in elementary so we didn't have grade but the report card said I was struggling in reading and my scores were low.
3. I am in Middle school at Taft and I play Soccer.
4. The program took me 2 years and one month to do and it was hard to do because of school and soccer schedule and I got frustrated. But I want to thank you for having the program because it has made a difference in my life. I can read and I have confidence that I did not have before. My parents are proud of me and I am proud of myself. I also want to thank Ms. Annette for being patient with me and not giving up on me.

Her mother adds: The program was a life saver. I was a parent looking for anything to help my little girl. I felt helpless and discouraged waiting for APS to help her. She was in a pull out reading class for two years with no noticeable difference in her reading. One year with working with Ms. Annette and Gabby went from 2nd grade reading to 5th grade reading level. We believe in the program and know that it has made a lifelong difference to our daughter. Thank you for offering this program.

Natalia T.:

1. It made me more confident with my reading skills. It improved my spelling and my literacy has improved, so I can understand and read big words. Overall, it made me more comfortable when reading and spelling performing in English classes and in general reading. It also made me not embarrassed say that I am dyslexic so it gave me more confidence.
2. I've always gotten decent grades, but the program taught me that with working harder I get better grades.
3. I am still in high school, a junior this year. Last year I ended the school year with a 3.70 GPA and so far this year I have straight A's.
4. Miss Annette made the difference. If I had a teacher that I didn't like I would have dreaded going and I wouldn't have improved. Since I had a teacher that I liked as a person I was comfortable around her and she was my friend and my teacher.

Her mother, Karen Fischer added: Finding this program was a gift to Natalia and our family. There are many kids with dyslexia that never get the help that they need. We were so lucky to find the program and Annette as the teacher. Natalia would not have gone if I didn't find a good match and this match was perfect. We are grateful.

I wish to include that many students have completed the [Take Flight](#) dyslexia program. Each student in the program or having completed the program is a success in life. Please do all you can to continue supporting this amazing program and therapy work.



MASONIC BIRTHDAYS JANUARY

Robert G. Burns	1/12/1980
Alfred L. Leike	1/12/1980
Donald E. Newby	1/13/1977
John O. Johnsen	1/17/2006
Kenneth L. Hall; Jr.	1/24/1978
Dean S. Smith	1/25/1979
Kenneth H. Delfeld; Jr.	1/30/1986



THE LADIES AUXILIARY

January 1, 2015: Jewelry Repair



FROM BETHEL NUMBER 2, IOJD

It is hard to believe that 2014 is coming to an end. We have just finished Christmas caroling for the residents of Manzano del Sol assisted living facility and having our holiday gift exchange that included a visit from the big guy himself...Santa. The Bees pre-sold 32 dozen Biscochito cookies which they then made, the girls of the Bethel got to help sugar the hot cookies. For those of you that didn't order any you missed out on some melt in your mouth treats but have no fear the Bees will be selling them again next year. We would like to congratulate the officers that were installed into their new offices on December 14th. This was a closed installation as we were in our pajamas. We had a kidnap breakfast that morning then had our meeting and installation in our pjs, then had French toast and an egg and sausage casserole. Emily Blagrave remained Honored Queen, Charlene Blackledge is Senior Princess, Seara Burton is Guide, Lindsey Sanchez is librarian and Emily Christopher is recorder. We look forward to having another great term.

Over the next few weeks we will be using our meeting days to practice and get ready for our Supreme Visit. This is an exciting time as the Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, Miss International, the Supreme Guardian and the Associate Supreme Guardian all come to "hang out" with all of us. This year, our visit will take place on Saturday, January 17, 2015. The meeting will begin at 3:00 pm at Mesa Lodge, we will be having dinner after the meeting; we will be having a soup and salad bar (including fruit salad), bread and dessert.

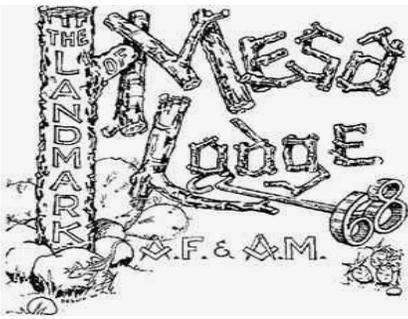
We look forward to working with everyone within the Masonic family and continuing to support each other. If you have an event that you would like us to attend please email the Bethel Guardian at bethel2abq@gmail.com.

Happy New Year!



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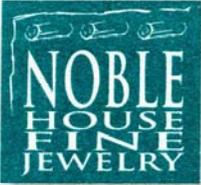
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