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

MARCH 2014

WELCOME TO NELSON C. BLEDSOE LODGE

The Friendliest Lodge in Arizona!

Our Stated Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month starting at 7p.m. There is a dinner preceding the meeting, starting at 6p.m. There is usually someone at the lodge every Tuesday evening. Different activities take place on these Tuesdays, such as degree work, Masonic Education, informative presentations, ritual practice, or just good ol' fashioned fellowship.



Upcoming Events

03/25/2014	Potluck dinner 6 p.m.
03/27-29/14	Rummage sale at NCB#74
04/01/2014	First degree 7 p.m.
04/05/2014	Job's Daughters visitation at Tucson Lodge #4 10 a.m.
04/08/2014	Stated Meeting 7 p.m.
04/15/2014	Oasis #52 Warden's Night
04/22/2014	Practice 7 p.m.
04/29/2014	Southern Arizona Research Lodge #2 at NCB #74 7 p.m.
04/29/2014	Anahuac Meeting 7 p.m.
05/13/2014	Stated Meeting 7 p.m.

Important Visitors!

Brethren, on the agenda for April's Stated Meeting we will be receiving the official visit of Right Worshipful Robert W. Bradfield, the Junior Grand Warden. We've also extended an invitation for Anahuac Lodge #81 to visit us. Come say "hi!" and find out what's going on.

From the East

Ron Allen
Worshipful Master

Brethern, we've had a busy year so far, having fun and fellowship. More is on its way! Please look at the calendar on this page, and the specific events on the flip side of this page.

The reason for the activity is because the brethren have decided to try to qualify for the Master Builder Award presented each year by Grand Lodge for excellence in a lodge. Several of the activities are intended to meet the activities required to obtain the award. Other activities are just for fun. Please remember to contact the Secretary or myself if you have any ideas for lodge activities. We are always looking for something to do!

2014 Lodge Officers

Worshipful Master – Ron Allen
Senior Warden – Paul Diaz
Junior Warden – Bob Eck
Secretary – Wes Stokes, P.M.³.
Treasurer – Bobbie Creech, P.M.
Chaplain – Thomas Jefferson
Senior Deacon – Rick Schmidt, P.M.
Junior Deacon – Bob Jenkins
Stewards – Andy Kloss and Carlos Arias
Lodge Counselor – Emetario Godoy
Marshal – George Ouzts and George Ouzts
Tyler – Richard Morales, P.M.

From The Secretary

Wes Stokes, PM
Secretary Pro-Tem

Check your dues card. If it says 2013, then your dues are now overdue and payable to the Secretary. Your dues are the lifeblood on which your lodge operates. Please pay as soon as possible. Dues for 2014 are still \$88.00; no increase this year in Grand Lodge Per Capita or dues. Whether you are a regular dues paying member, or even if you are Perpetual Member or a Senior Life member and are not required to pay dues, you can always help out the lodge by adding a little more to your dues. Besides our regular cost of operations, we donate to several Masonic Charities.

POT LUCK DINNER! Our family night pot luck dinner continues NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT (March 25, 2014). Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., the meat will be provided by the Junior Warden (he has said it will be ham, I think in honor of the Worshipful Master). The program will start at 7:00 p.m. The topic is "Estate Planning for Masons". There have been several changes in the law since the last time we presented this. Plan on a fifteen minute talk with questions to follow. Bring a dish and have some fun!

- **FIRST DEGREE CONFERRAL:** April 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. we will be putting on a First Degree conferral. While this is a practice, the lodge will be tiled.

YARD SALE! Are you doing your spring cleaning? We're having a yard sale on Thursday, March 27 through Saturday, March 29. Our head wrangler, Bob Jenkins, will be back in town to conduct the sale. Please call Wes Stokes if you have anything to pick up. We can also use help for the three days. Come on down!

YOUTH GROUP VISITATION: We will be travelling to visit Job's Daughters Bethel #25 on Saturday, April 5, 2014. The meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. at Tucson Lodge Number 4, on the southeast corner of Country Club and Prince. Lets support the girls!

LODGE VISITATION: On Tuesday, April 15, our Senior Warden is taking a part in the Warden's Night at Oasis Lodge #52. We are going to go watch him, so our lodge building will be dark that night. Come watch Paul. Oasis is located at 450 N. Pantano. Degree starts at 7:00 p.m.

RODEO PARKING

The Rodeo Committee wants to give a hearty thanks to the following people in no particular order who helped with the rodeo parking, without their help we could not have pulled it off. They did an outstanding job. They are:

Wes Stokes	Martin Jones
Rick Schmidt	Emeterio Godoy
George Ouzts	Jimmy Sebastian
George "Rusty" Ouzts	Andrew Klos
Paul Diaz	Thomas Jefferson
Richard Morales	Bobbie Creech
Vince Santos	Bill Haynes
Ed Fruits	Craig Gross
David Cakmar-Stitt	Ron Allen

There is one other person who helped out immensely and I was directed to not mention her name, so thank you to "She who must be obeyed!" for all your help as well.

We had fun, we had fellowship and we made money. I can't think of a better combination.

Thank You All

Wes*Stokes; Committee Chairman