



# Camp Stone Express

## December Issue

219 SOUTH GARDEN AVE, SIERRA VISTA, AZ 85635

## From the East...

by WM Al Hammond

**Brethren,**

It is with great pride, some degree of both sorrow and happiness, that I write this article from the East. Together we have accomplished a great deal in the past year and all of us should take pride in those accomplishments. As I look back, I know that some of the goals I put forth were not achieved for whatever reason, and for that reason there is some sorrow. And, as all the Past Masters out there know, it is with some degree of happiness that I will gladly pass the gavel!

Great picnic, successful gun raffle, and a better Christmas party for Child and Family Services than last year. That should just about cover it for those of us that were there. For the brothers who live out of town, I will elaborate. At my installation I stated that I wanted to have more interaction outside of lodge, increase fundraising, and do things that make Masons feel as if they are part of something bigger than themselves. Our annual picnic was a whole lot of fun and I know that we already have plans on making it better next year! We have done a fantastic job fundraising.

Mostly due to the Masonic Tribute Rifle raffle, but every dollar counts, and I cannot wait to see the final numbers for the year! A brother that we were not able to keep interested and left the craft a few years ago told me that we spent too much time talking about doing things but never really doing anything that made him feel like he was part of something bigger than himself. I am not sure if supporting the Child and Family Services Christmas party would have gave him the feeling of being part of something bigger than himself, but it does exactly that for me and my family.

While I have some sorrow for some things that I wanted to accomplish in my year as Master I can tell the craft that I also learned some lessons. Lodge is for all the brothers. Those who enjoy the debate, those who love the rules, those who love the ritual, those who love the social interaction, those who love education, and those who love some obscure aspect of masonry. I always knew that all of us like these things, but I did not realize all of us really favor one or two aspects of masonry

over the rest, which is simply human nature. These choices do however cause dynamics which are difficult to plan for months or a year out and can undermine an agenda regardless of how concisely it was communicated or if it was communicated at all. Many factors, both internal and external, affect the cumulative "mood" of the lodge, and to future Masters I ask that you just keep that in mind and have fun. Life is short, and a year as Master is really short.

Next year I will take on new responsibilities as Secretary of our lodge with enthusiasm. I also look forward to Master Elect Mario Jones taking over the East! Good Luck to the Master and his officers of 2018!

Allan Hammond,  
Worshipful Master  
Camp Stone No. 77

## From the West...

by Bro. Mario Jones, WM-Elect

Merry Christmas,

I hope all have had a great feast for Thanksgiving, and have plans for the New Year. We have a new line of officers and hope that you will attend next stated Meeting and find out who is there.

We have plans, goals, and obstacles to be discussed. Your ideas and concerns are very important to me. Lets see if there is a way to get it done. Thank You and hope to see you soon.



*The 2017 Child and Family Services Christmas party. Held on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Apache Middle School.*

## In the South...

by Bro. Kasey Vall

Brethren,

What a year it has been. In my humble opinion, our Lodge has had a very successful year. We have brought in a new candidate, raised multiple Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, had our first firearms raffle (that I know of) which raised a good amount for the charities of the Lodge, put on a very successful family picnic, and established the Stanley Challenge which raised over 1K dollars for the Dream Catcher Fund in support of the Child and Family Services Christmas Party. This all could not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our membership. I count myself very blessed to be a part of this Lodge and to call you all my Brothers.

If you missed out on the CFR Christmas party, it was nothing short of amazing. This is grassroots Freemasonry at its best. You should have seen the excited looks on the faces of all the children and heard the laughter that covered the hall like a

thick blanket. This year was better than last year and it is my hope that every year forward will continue to see this event prosper. Lastly, I want to leave you with a thought. With the



approval of the WM-elect, would an EA degree held in the Tucson Scottish Rite Egyptian room, with the Degree Team in full Egyptian costume, be a sight to see. I think of the Outdoor Degrees, the Cave Degrees, the Military Degrees, etc. that are held all over the State and can't help but think of what an amazing Degree it could be.

## **BREAKING NEWS!!!!**

by WB Andy Anderson, PM  
HIGH TWELVE CLUB #703

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the High Twelve Club provided hot dogs w/ buns, pizza and drinks in support of the Christmas Party for families assisted by Child and Family Services. A big thank you to WB Art & Lady Nancy, WB Grant and Lady Barbara and WB Andy. This was the second year that the High Twelve Club has supported this event and we look forward to serving again next year. Merry Christmas Everyone.

The December 8 Club meeting will be held at the Manda Le Restaurant starting at 4:30 PM. We will hold a "White Elephant" exchanging gifts, man gift and Lady gift, cost not to exceed twenty dollars. Order food off of the menu. Honored Lady meal goes to Lady Barbara Hays who will be in W. Germany so we'll carry over her meal to January 2018. The January 12 meeting will be held at Manda Le restaurant order food at 4:30 meeting starts at 5 with a program. The Club Officers look forward to another good year for the Club and we hope you will join us. Travel safely.

# REBUILDING THE SIERRA VISTA MASONIC CENTER



Camp Stone Lodge No. 77 is Raffling off a 12 Gauge Remington 1100 Shotgun, graciously donated by WB. Andrew Anderson

All Proceeds will go to fixing the roof of the Sierra Vista Masonic Center that has caused one of the Lodge rooms to be closed

**\$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets** (not tax deductible)

Tickets can be purchased with cash from Brethren of the Camp Stone Lodge No. 77 or online at [https://squareup.com/store/Camp\\_Stone\\_77](https://squareup.com/store/Camp_Stone_77)



Winner will be announced after the Camp Stone Lodge No. 77 stated meeting on Mar 10<sup>th</sup> (need not be present to win).  
Winner must be 18 years or older and complete the FFL transfer through Trail Boss Outfitters on Fry Blvd in Sierra Vista at no cost.  
An out of town winner can have the rifle shipped to the FFL of their choice (No cost for shipping, but you will have to pay your FFL's transfer fee).

For further information or purchase information, contact Bro. Kasey Vall at [kaseyvall@yahoo.com](mailto:kaseyvall@yahoo.com)

You can also find more information on the Camp Stone Lodge No. 77 website:

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