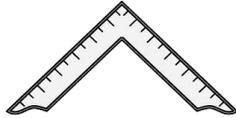


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From the East:



Becoming the Master of Hobbs

Masonic Lodge at the start of this year is both an honor and a big responsibility. It's a time to think about the past, look forward to the future, and stay true to the values that Freemasons have always followed.

Being installed as Master is an important step for any Mason. It shows that other members trust me and believe I will lead with honesty and care. The ceremony is filled with tradition and reminds everyone of the group's history and values.

A new year is a chance to set goals for the Lodge. The Master's job is to build a sense of friendship, get more members involved, and support the values of charity, truth, and harmony. Building on what past leaders have done, the aim is to make sure everyone feels included and appreciated.

Masonic Lodges have always helped their communities. A new term is a good time to start or continue service projects, educational events, or work with other groups to make a difference. At the same time, it is my duty to keep old traditions alive. Rituals and ceremonies are not just old habits—they show what the Lodge stands for. By passing them on, the Lodge stays strong and inspires members.

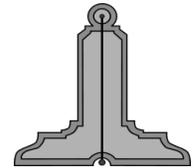
A great year means helping members learn and grow. This can be done through educational meetings, mentoring, and open talks. Friendships grow stronger through shared experiences both inside and outside the Lodge.

Starting the year as Master is both a privilege and a challenge. With clear goals, a spirit of service, and respect for tradition, the Master can lead the Lodge to a successful year. Working together, members can keep the spirit of Freemasonry alive and well.

Worshipful Master

WB. Isaac Huskey

From the West:



Serving as Senior Warden of

Hobbs Lodge No. 63

It is with sincere gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility that I look ahead to serving as Senior Warden of Hobbs Lodge No. 63 in the upcoming year. To be entrusted with this role by the brethren of our lodge is an honor I do not take lightly, and I am thankful for the confidence placed in me.

The office of Senior Warden carries both symbolic and practical importance. As the principal assistant to the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden is charged with helping ensure the lodge operates smoothly, harmoniously, and in accordance with our ancient landmarks and traditions. More importantly, the role calls for leadership by example—demonstrating dedication, integrity, and a commitment to continual improvement, both within the lodge and in our personal lives.

This coming year, my goal is to support the Worshipful Master in strengthening fellowship, encouraging participation, and fostering an environment where every brother feels valued and heard. Hobbs Lodge No. 63 has a proud history built by men who were willing to give their time, talents, and care to the Craft. I hope to honor that legacy by promoting attendance, assisting in the work of the degrees, and helping newer brothers feel confident and engaged in their Masonic journey.

I also look forward to working closely with the officers and committees to ensure our lodge remains active, welcoming, and focused on the principles that unite us: brotherly love, relief, and truth. While titles and offices change, our shared purpose does not—to make good men better.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve, and I look forward to a productive and rewarding year alongside the brethren of Hobbs Lodge No. 63. Together, I am confident we can continue to build a strong lodge and an even stronger brotherhood.

Bro. Austin Musgrave

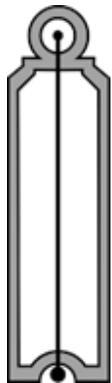
Senior Warden

“Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip.” – Bro. Will Rogers, US humorist and showman (1879-1935), Claremore Lodge No. 53 A.F.& A.M., Oklahoma, USA

From the South:

Brethren,

It is with profound gratitude and humility that I write my first newsletter column as your Junior Warden. Since our installation in December, I have spent considerable time reflecting on the trust you have placed in me. To be elected to the South in a Lodge with Hobbs #63's history and reputation is a privilege I do not take lightly.



Masonry is built on the foundation of **Tradition**. As I look at the Jewel of my office—the Plumb—I am reminded that it is my duty to ensure our conduct remains upright and that our time of refreshment strengthens the bonds of our fraternity. We stand on the shoulders of the many brothers who have sat in this station before us, and my goal this year is to honor their legacy by serving you with the same dedication they showed.

I extend my sincere thanks to the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden for their leadership in teaching me the responsibilities of my office, and to each of you for the warm welcome I've received since taking this seat. The "Beauty" of our Lodge is not found in the building itself, but in the harmony and fellowship we share when the Craft is at refreshment.

I look forward to a year of growth, excellent degree work, and meaningful fellowship. My door—and the South—is always open to you.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Bro. Michael Walker

Junior Warden



Freemasonry has long been described as a brotherhood that welcomes men from every walk of life—and history backs that up. Among its members have been farmers, physicians, soldiers, politicians, artists... and even magicians. The most famous magician associated with the Craft is Harry Houdini, a man whose public persona was built on chains and padlocks, but whose private life was shaped by grit, ambition, and a strong streak of moral outrage.

Houdini was born Erik (Ehrich) Weisz in Budapest in 1874 and came to the United States as a small child. His family struggled financially, and he learned early how to work—and how to perform. As a boy he tried everything from odd jobs to the trapeze, billing himself as “Prince of the Air.” But it was magic that captured him, and he steadily refined his act until he found the thing that made him unforgettable: escapes. Handcuffs, jail cells, sealed crates, ropes, straightjackets—he turned them into theater. Crowds loved the idea that ordinary restraints could not hold him, and he kept raising the stakes until signature feats like the Chinese Water Torture Cell became the peak of his reputation.

Houdini's connection to Freemasonry came later. He was initiated in New York in 1923 at St. Cecile Lodge No. 568 and advanced through the degrees soon afterward. In Masonic circles he was known by his legal name, and he is remembered for engaging with the fraternity and participating in charitable efforts—benefit performances that helped support Masons in need. That charitable impulse matched a broader pattern in his life: he used his fame not only to entertain but also to defend what he saw as the integrity of his craft.

That same integrity drove his public battle against fraudulent spiritualists. Houdini didn't merely dislike “mediums”—he considered many of them con artists preying on grief, and he devoted years to exposing their methods. He died in 1926, but his legend endured: the name “Houdini” still means a person who slips the impossible and makes it look inevitable.



A Brother's Rest

By Alec Xanthe Warman

A man contacted me the other day
To inform me a brother laid
His working tools down forevermore
To journey through death's chilling door

Said that he requested funeral rights
In his last days and sleepless nights
He asked that I perform my duty
To send him off with Masonic beauty

On short notice, none could go forth
But I to journey across the Earth
I dropped my plans and made the trek
Out of my Masonic respect

For a man I had never known
But once past called my lodge his home
Not my plan, but God's will be done
For lovers' spouse and mother's son

And father of a great number
And to me a fallen brother
A burden turned opportunity
For the lord to work through me

I came to know a brother that day
While silent in a coffin he lay
Amidst grieving family and friends
A task turned privilege in the end

To have the great honor to do
God's work when this man's time was through
To offer my Masonic support
And soothe the family's pain and hurt

To speak the words so impactfully
As countless have done before me
And offer up poem and prayer
To sooth the burden that they bear

I thank God his path intersected mine
Even at the end of his time
That I may have some introspection
And offer Masonic reflection

And pay tribute to my brother man
A privilege to those who understand
I cherish the experience because
It made me a better man than I was.

Submitted to Plumblin by RW. Bob Parish

Calendar Updates:

- 02/17 – Hobbs Lodge Special
- 02/19 – Bethany Chapter OES
- 02/24 – Hobbs Masonic Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
- 03/03 - Hobbs Lodge Special
- 03/05 – Bethany Chapter OES
- 03/09 - Lea County Shrine
- 03/10 - Hobbs Lodge Regular Business Meeting
- 03/14 – Masonic Widows Luncheon 11:00 a.m.
- 03/17 - Hobbs Lodge Special
- 03/19 ~ 03/21 – 149th Annual New Mexico Grand lodge Communication
- 03/19 - Bethany Chapter OES
- 03/24 - Hobbs Lodge Special
- 03/31 - Hobbs Lodge Special

The Hobbs Lodge Masonic Family Breakfast will take place on the second Saturday of each month.



From the Secretary's Desk:

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE?!?

Go to <https://nm.grandview.systems>, then click on the member portal link in the upper right corner. There you can register. There is also a video that tells you how to do it. The system will let you register with or without the "M" in your member number.