



Tidings From The West

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West Memphis Masonic Lodge No. 737*

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MEMBER PROFILE MELBOURN L. SHAHAN

Melbourne L. Shahan had a stroke in October 2002. He currently resides in Lucy Corr Village, a nice nursing home near his daughter. Mel turned 90 on January 4, 2007. Despite his age and condition he is himself – jolly and considerate. At 90 he is “running down” some and we never know what tomorrow brings but he’s hanging-in there.

A couple of years ago, the local Lodge brought his 50 year pin and held a ceremony. Mel didn’t feel well that day so the ceremony was held at his bedside. Unfortunately, when downloading the pictures there was a glitch and the photos of the ceremony were lost.

Brother Shahan is a Shriner and a 32 Degree Mason. As a young man, his leg was crushed by a falling icebox. His recovery was extensive and left his leg 1 1/4 inches shorter than the other, so he was unable to serve in the military. Mel has no current religious activities but was an ordained minister at the age of 16. When in his home town of Terre Haute, Indiana, he saw folks he had married 60 years ago!

MASONIC CALENDAR READY FOR 2008

A calendar for the year 2008 is available at the Lodge. The dates of the members birthday and Master Mason anniversary dates are indicated as well as most holidays. A donation of \$5.00 or more is requested as a fund raiser for the building fund.

Two FellowCraft Initiated In West Memphis Lodge

In a continuing spirit of cooperation with Marion Lodge 686, a joint meeting on October 30th at the West Memphis Lodge, netted each Lodge a new FellowCraft. Brother Jeffrey Wayne Lackie, Sr. and Brother James Wydock shared the ceremony as Brothers Wes Newton, Hershell Wright and Keith Murphy did the honors. We understand this was the first time Brother Keith Murphy assumed the duties of Senior Deacon at an initiation. All were pleased and impressed with both ceremonies and the excellent demonstration by Brothers Cloyis Craft and Bill Lane.

Brother Lackie has now bed raised to Master.

Lodge Officers Present \$2,000 Check To EastArk

The annual pancake breakfast was considered a success by all concerned when the total was announced. The photo of the presentation appeared in the Evening Times. EastArk management expressed their appreciation for the effort. This was the 3rd year of the annual event.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Election of Officers	Dec 11
Entered Apprentice Degree	Dec. 18
St. Johns Open House	Dec. 27
Installation of Officers	Dec. 29

*O brother, thou art gone to rest,
And this shall be our prayer;
That, when we reach our journey's end,
Thy glory we shall share.*

Lee Allan Bowman
03/07/1934 - 09/07/2007

Tommy Deris Briggs
02/06/1931 - 07/22/2007

Cemart Ford
09/06/1931 - 08/13/2007

Dennis Lemar Conlee
10/19/1927 - 09/25/2007

Arthur Franklin Goe
12/05/1923 - 08/01/2007

Clide Tilden Rogers, Jr.
07/23/1922 - 03/20/2007

James Walter Taylor
02/28/1934 - 06/24/2007

Cecil Williams, Jr.
10/17/1932 - 04/12/2007

Fairwell my Brother, you have entered that
"undiscovered country from whose bourne
no traveler returns."



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Welcome

2007 New Members

Rudy Lee Morgan May 29, 2007
Edward Homewood, Jr. July 10, 2007
Mike Hampton August 28, 2007
Larry Don Judkins October 2, 2007
Jeffrey Wayne Lackie, Sr December 4, 2007

Works In Progress 2007

Randy Lynn Stewart FC Dec. 7, 2007
Darran Dale Cloud EA Oct. 16, 2007

If there is a man you call your friend
Perhaps we should call him brother
The future of our fraternity is in your
hands. All we need is more men like

you.

~DEATH~ WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN? IT!

(Reprint from an e-mail)

A sick man turned to his doctor, as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know." "You don't know? You, a Christian man, do not know what is on the other side?" The doctor was holding the handle of the door; on the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough." May today there be peace within you. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. I believe that friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly. We can't change the wind but we can adjust our sails!



Eastern Star New Members -
(L to R) Dwan Thomas, Worthy Patron; Athena and Keith
Murphy, new members; Grace Ice, Worthy Matron.

Welcome Athena & Keith

Sister Athena and Brother Keith Murphy were initiated into the Eastern Star at the September 6th meeting held in the Masonic Temple in West Memphis. Sister Athena is employed by the Crittenden Publishing Company, Brother Keith by Ford of West Memphis. They reside in Marion.

Lost to the Lodge

The following mail was returned. If you are aware of an updated address for any of those listed, please advise the secretary:

Ryan Scott Evans
1411 Carlisle Wood Dr Apt 1216
Corpus Christi, TX 78410

Wayne Reeves

Also the following ladies:

Mrs. Imogen Waymon Oliver
Kathryn Bonner
Mrs. Debbie Watt
Mrs. Elizabeth Renager
Mrs. Melvin Cecil DeMuth

PRAYER FROM THE PAST ECHOS MASONIC LANDMARKS BY 4th CENTURY POPE

Pope Eusebius was selected to the papacy in April of the year 309 or 310. There is a little dissention about the year. However, that was a minor issue to his brief reign as leader of the newly accepted Christian community.

Almost at the onset of his anointing on April 18th he departed from the expected clerical attitude by condemning the riches of the church and the cavalier attitude of the leadership. Of course this was not easily accepted by those in power. There was a power struggle which ended five months later on August 17th with Pope Eusebius being relieved and being exiled to a Greek island where he lived for the rest of his days.

During his tenure as pope Eusebius he pinned the prayer at right. When considering the era of his papacy, and the depth of his prayer, it reflects the thoughts we embrace as Masonic landmarks.

May I be no man's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which is eternal and abides.

May I never quarrel with those nearest me; and if I do may I be reconciled quickly.

May I never devise evil against any man.

May I love, seek and attain only that which is happiness and envy none.

May I never rejoice in the ill-fortune of one who has wronged me.

When I have done or said what is wrong, may I never wait the rebuke of others, but always rebuke myself

May I accustom myself to be gentle, and never angry with people because of circumstances.

May I never discuss who is wicked and what wicked things he has done, but know good men and follow their footsteps. --

Pope Eusebius
April 18 to August 17, A.D. 310

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We invite all members of West Memphis, Marion and Earle Lodges to submit information, pictures and or advertising. We are not opposed to including news of The Eastern Star, DeMolay and Rainbow., they are welcome as well. We plan to publish by e-mail when possible. Only a small quantity of “hard copies” will be produced. Articles should be submitted by e-mail whenever possible.

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ARE MASONRY**

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Fear
What He Does Not
Understand**

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