

**EDDY LODGE #21 --- CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO** 

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# Speaking from the East

by WM Rob Perozynski

#### **Greetings Brothers!**

"Brothers, this has been a hard month for Eddy Lodge #21. We have lost a valuable Mason in that Bro Eddie Lyons has gone before The Great White Throne on May 12. I met Eddie in 1996 by chance at the Carlsbad Airport. A flight of two American WWII bombers had landed. A B-17 and a B-24, Eddie was a turret or "ball" gunner, and was delighted to see the old war birds. I remember that they cut their price to try to get him to fly again. Little did I know how much this man gave of himself besides his service to our country. A Kit Carson Award winner, Eddie served Masonry in New Mexico for years and was an inspiration to us all. I loved having him as Tyler as I sat as Junior Deacon; he helped me get comfortable in the lodge. I will miss him very much. Take care everyone, and I hope to see you all in Lodge."



#### **Charter Draped:**

Brethren, another brother has been called to serve in a higher capacity. Eddy Lodge 21 "Draped our Charter" as a memorial of Worshipful Brother Edgar P. Lyon who passed away on May 10, 2018. He was Initiated: 11/14/66; Passed: 12/12/66; Raised: 01/09/67. Farewell our Brother, Farewell.

#### **Eddy 21 is Supporting Youth Projects:**

Eddy Lodge 21 proudly supports Girl Scouts Troop # 12926 by offering our facility as a meeting place for their activities

Eddy Lodge 21 proudly supports the United States Specialty Sports (USSSA) Brawlers Row baseball team as a platinum member.



From the West

by SW Gary Scott

We urge you to get involved with the success of your lodge! Please visit the Website at <a href="www.eddylodge21.com">www.eddylodge21.com</a> to view the Trestle Board and learn what's coming up next. Brother Steve Mandel successfully passed his proficiency exam on the First Section of the EA degree and we conferred upon him the FC degree on May 24th. Now we look forward to scheduling his FC proficiency examination then on to the MM degree. Sad news reached us concerning the passing of Worshipful Bro. Edgar P. Lyon on May 10, 2018. The Masonic Funeral was exceptional with many brothers present (see page 7). Don't forget MASONICon will be occurring on June 8-9 at the Ballut Abyad Shrine Temple (its free to attend includes meals). For more information contact <a href="https://nmmasonican.com">https://nmmasonican.com</a>. Also, don't forget John the Baptist (One of our Patron Saints) day is June 24th.



From the South

by JW Brian Burke

Greetings from the South. I would like to invite all Masons, their friends and family to join us on Thursday. June 7th at 6:00 pm for friendly discourse and dinner (TACO NIGHT) to be followed by our regularly scheduled June communication at 7:00 pm.

## Committee Reports: See our Website: eddyLodge21.com

**Scholarship Committee** – Completed their actions and the results were published in the May Newsletter.

**Masonic Education Committee** – There is **NO** Topic for June 7, 2018. The Masonic Education presentations are given in a Tiled Lodge... Come and learn about the Craft.

Outreach Committee – Newsletter, Website (<u>www.eddylodge21.com</u>) and Robo-Calls. Come to your Lodge!

# The Lodge Officers and Stations





Worshipful Master – Rob Perozynski Contact Number (575) 725-9290



Senior Warden – Gary Scott Contact Number (575) 361-7336



Junior Warden – Brian Burke
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### **Places:**

Treasurer: Rick Coy

Secretary: Randy Heine

Senior Deacon: Roman Villarreal, Jr.

Junior Deacon: Jeffery Robertson

Tyler: John Ford



# Lodge Location and Phone Number



Eddy Lodge #21 meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. Supper served at 6:00 pm. Lodge Convenes at 7:00 pm. We also have Scottish Rite Breakfast every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. Cooking starts around 6:00 am and Breakfast served at 8:00 am. Come drink coffee and join our discussions.

Located at: 513 N. Canyon St.

Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Lodge Telephone Number: (575) 885-4252 (between

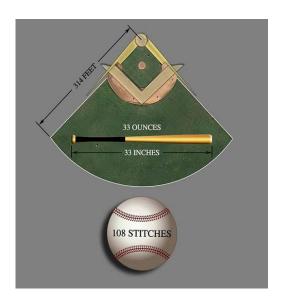
6 and 7 pm Tuesday and Thursday)

#### **MASONICon 2018**

Don't forget MASONICon held on June 8 and 9 at the Ballud Abyad Shrine Temple at 6600 Zuni Rd SE, Albuquerque, NM. Event consists of Fellowship and Classes for all Masons to learn more about the Fraternity and how Lodges can be more proactive. Access <a href="https://nmmasonican.com">https://nmmasonican.com</a> for more information. Registration on line is free and meals are included. Come on and have fun, learn more, and participate more often.

Eddy 21 "Platinum" supporter of the Brawler's Row baseball team





#### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

6/8, 6/9, 6/10 - 2018 USSSA NM State Championships Tournament - Rio Rancho, NM

7/4, 7/5, 7/6, 7/7, 7/8 - USSSA Global World Series - Las Cruces, NM

7/28 and 7/29 - Last Chance for Rings Tournament - Hobbs, NM

Eddy 21 supports Girl Scouts of Troop # 12926 of Carlsbad, NM.





Girl Scout Troop # 12926 meets <u>three times a month at Eddy Lodge #21 on Thursday nights</u>. The troop currently consists of the following: Four Brownie girl scouts; three Junior girl scouts; and one Cadette girl scout. The Troop also has a leader and co-leader. Moreover, they have actively involved parents who help out each week. Troop # 12926 began meeting at Eddy Lodge in December 2017 and have since earned several different badges! They are working and planning on completing remaining service projects which are:

- ✓ Completed for donation self-care kits to take to the Battered Women's Shelter
- For the Packs for Hunger program, they are making breakfast packs
- and they will be making a bat box to take to Desert Willow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

May was an awesome month for troop 12926! These amazing young ladies put together 40 Self Care Kits to be donated to the Battered Women's Shelter. The kits included toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, shampoo, conditioner, soap, washcloth, a hair tie, and other personal hygiene products. The girls made bags for the women coming into the shelter and for kids. The troop was blessed with an abundance of items to be used so we were able to leave plenty of extras with the shelter, along with toys and books for the kids. The troop also participated in the placing of flags at local cemeteries for Memorial Day and began construction of their next service project for the Desert Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Once the service projects are completed the girls will spend June celebrating their accomplishments and begin planning future projects!

Michele Robertson

Troop 12926 Leader

# BEFORE THE AFTER-LIFE OBITUARY

EDITORS NOTE: This special feature was brought about by the passing of WB Leonard Rose. After reading his obituary. I'm at a loss to tell you how much I would have liked to have gotten to know that man before he died. His obituary was so interesting that I said, "We need to know more about our brothers before they pass." In this column, I hope to write the obituary that we would read after they have passed, but for the purpose of getting to know this person before they do.



WB Eddie P. Lyon. Age 84. Born Dec 28th, 1925 in Pine, Arizona. Eddie's parents were Oscar T. and Belle (Parrish) Lyon. They moved to Claypool, AZ while Eddie was a baby. Claypool is a small town of about 500 people between Globe and Miami, AZ. He was the youngest of 4 children, Oscar Jr., Mildred (Lyon) Sowden and Kathlee (Lyon) Mulcahy. He Went to Miami High School and graduated in 1943. After graduation he volunteered for the U.S. Army Air Corp. He flew 35 combat missions over the ETO (European Theater of Operations) flying out of Foggia, Italy as a ball-turret (belly-gunner) on a B-17 Flying Fortress. On one mission they lost #3 and #4 engines on the B-17 from flak over the target in Yugoslavia. They made it just inside friendly territory in North Italy where they crash landed and were picked up by soldiers from the British 8th Army and were taken farther behind the lines where their Group sent a plane for them. Group was 2nd Bomb Group, 49th Bomb Squadron, 15th Air Force.

He returned to the States in May 1945 and married his high school sweetheart, Marvel Jones on Sept 14, 1945. Marvel passed away in Carlsbad June 24th, 1998 and is buried in the Carlsbad Cemetery.

Eddie entered college in September, 1946 at Arizona State University, and graduated with a BS degree in Business and Accounting in 1950. He worked while in college at Karl's Shoe Store, then came to Carlsbad in January 1950 and opened another Karl's Shoe Store (where Carlsbad Foundation now presides) in February 1950. He managed Karl's until January 1953 then went to work for Salt Supply, Co., was made manager in 1957 and became VP-Gen. Mgr and Part owner (1/3) in 1958. Sold the Salt Supply Co. to United Salt in 1963 and remained as VP-General Manager of United Salt New Mexico Division until 1975 when he left. After that he served as Executive Manager of Carlsbad Dept. of Development working successfully in bringing WIPP Project to Carlsbad. At one period he served as Manager of both Chamber of Commerce and DOD. He left DOD in 1987 to become consultant for Westinghouse Electric Corp until he retired in March 2001 at age 75. He was active in Community Affairs and served as President of numerous non-profit Corporations such as CARP (for 32 years), American Red Cross, S. Eddy County United Way and was first fund drive chairman to reach goal over \$100,000 in 1974. He received Citizen of the Year award by BPOD Elks in 1979 and from the Masonic Lodge #21 in 2004 and Dutstanding Mason Award in 2006. He was the Worshipful Master in 1974 and received Kit Carson Award in 2007. He is a fe member of local Masonic bodies, Elks Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion. He is on the board of irectors of the Western Commerce Bank since 1976.

ddie has three children, Edgar (Parry) P. Lyon, Jr. of Las Cruces, Elizabeth (Beth) Ann (Lyon) Sayner of Ruidoso, and fferson Keith Lyon of Victoria, TX. He has 3 grandsons (1 deceased), 3 granddaughters, and 6 great-grand children.

is hobbies have always been family and community.