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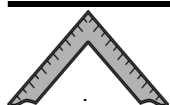
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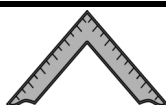
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From The East



Brethren,

Do you feel lucky?

You should! If you are a Mason, you are one of the lucky ones. You're lucky as you are one of few. Few? There are millions around the world, you say, but there are billions of people around the world I say.

We all took the obligations and we all wanted to take them. If we didn't, we wouldn't be here now. I'm feeling so good, so happy, so proud to be a Mason. I'm even more so, that you allowed me to serve our Lodge another year.

I ask you to participate, help where you can, practice the teachings, always be kind, forgive and forget, do more than dream, work, teach and even inspire, earn and enrich, live to serve, be friendly. Even more, be a friend, a citizen, a patriot.

You may ask how you can do all of these, and my answer is BE THE MAN YOU WANT TO BE! Better yourself. None of us is perfect and all of us can be improved. I don't walk on water, and I don't expect anyone else to. We can always try to improve, can't we?

This month we have a few things to do and some of them I'm sure many already know. Stated Meeting is on the 2nd and Fellowship Breakfast is back to the first Saturday, the 5th. On the 9th we are going to visit Pima Lodge # 10. I will check shortly if they will be there before we go. Potluck dinner is on the 16th. I haven't said too much on this in writing, but on the 19th of February, TL4 is hosting the George Washington Degree at the Scottish Rite. Oasis # 52 and Builders # 60 will assist us. Right now, we are looking at a possible EA degree (Exemplification) on the 26th. Coming in March: A Table Lodge! Stay tuned for details.

That should be enough for this month, until we meet again. Take care of yourselves and each other. See you in the lodge!

FEBRUARY 2022 Calendar

Wed 2nd	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated meeting	7:00 pm
Sat 5th	Breakfast	7:30am
	(Lodge members and invitees)	
Wed 9th	Official visit Pima	7:00 pm
	Lodge # 10	
Wed 16th	Potluck	6:00 pm
Sat 19th	George Washington	1:00 pm
	Degree (Scottish Rite Temple, MM only)	
Wed 23rd	Degree/Practice/ Officers Proficiency	7:00 pm
Sat 26th	Deadwood Lunch	11:30 am
	(Laverna's)	

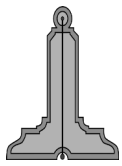
Please refer to the Worshipful Master's weekly email for the latest updates as the details of the events are not yet fully known when this edition is sent out.

Fraternally,

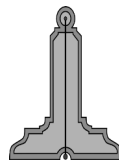
Carl Erdman, PM

Worshipful Master

Tucson Lodge # 4 2022



From The West



New Years and Old Vices

There is something “new” every year. On a personal level, new life, new relationships, new commitments, new responsibilities, new stuff (car, TV, house). On a technological level, the “new” is always astounding. Since our Lodge was chartered in 1881, we have been introduced to: Electricity, Telephones, Automobiles, Airplanes, Radio, Television, Microwaves, Nuclear Power, Computers, The Internet, GPS, Solar Power, Smart Phones, Tablets and the list keeps growing. We accept and embrace these “New” technologies and incorporate them into our daily lives.

So, does anything stay the same? While we may strive to improve our behavior, attitude, outlook, appearance and life style, I would submit that the human race (in general) still struggles with the same Seven Deadly Sins that Pope Gregory I outlined in the sixth century. Pride, Greed, Lust, Envy, Gluttony, Wrath and Sloth. Watching the news, reading the paper (Does anyone still do that?), following the Internet or any number of crime drama shows would indicate that all of these vices are still active and thriving. Are we doomed to keep celebrating “New Years”, but struggling with the same “Old Vices”?

As Masons we strive to subdue our passions and keep our desires within due bounds. This is not something you can accomplish at a weekend retreat. Improving ourselves in Masonry is a life-long endeavor and hopefully our “improved” selves will serve as models for others to follow.

Fortunately, as Masons, we are mentally well suited and well armed for the task. First, we each have our own personal Trestle-board for guidance. Second, there are Seven Virtues, one for each of the Seven Sins. As Masons, we are already familiar with these virtues. You will recognize each of them from various oaths, obligations and pledges. They are: Humility; Charity; Chastity; Gratitude; Temperance; Patience and Diligence.

Can one Mason, or one Lodge affect the basic flaws of human nature that have existed for millennia? Seems unlikely, but we can work to be an example, and support our brethren as we each strive to embrace these virtues. Illuminating the fact that Humility is not a weakness, Charity is not another word for “sucker”, Chastity, that’s a tough one, but Chastity is not synon-

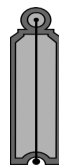
FEBRUARY MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
LESLIE CARL ERDMAN JR	2	39
BENJAMIN PHILLIP THORP JR	5	25
RAYMOND AUSTIN PHILLIPS	7	54
GREGORY HAMMONDS	10	6
STEPHEN MATTHEW MURRILLO	11	13
MARK JOSEPH GILLILAND	13	9
ROBERT CHARLES CONRAD	15	44
RICHARD DWAYNE VAUGHN	15	8
CURTIS LEE WARREN	18	46
JERRY EDDVILLE WHITE	19	45
JOHN RUSSELL PROKOP	19	28
GEORGE CHARLES PARKER II	19	8
GUY ALBERT HUMMON II	20	66
THOMAS AUSTIN ADAMS	23	67
WILLIAM ROBERT LOBB	23	11
KIRK KEVIN KLOSOWSKY	24	1
THOMAS JAY HAYNIE JR	26	8
KENT ALLEN VANDERKOLK	27	37
NICHOLAS ANTHONY ANDRESS	29	10

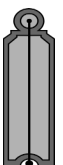
ymous with “nobody wants you”. Temperance and Patience should not be associated with “inability to act”, Gratitude is not the same as “paying protection money” and Diligence is not “blind obedience”. As Masons, we have committed to showing the world we are better men, may we be diligent in that commitment. For the New Year, let us accept and embrace these Seven Virtues and incorporate them into our daily lives.

Fraternally,

Sam Greer, Senior Warden



From The South



“Freemasonry is not about how good of a man you are...
It’s about how good of a man you want to be.”

-Robert Herd

Hello from the south! January is over and February is here. Hopefully this new year finds you in a good place thus far. For my second article I would like to focus on the idea of being a better man. We hear this a lot and

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tend to repeat it. The other phrase we repeat is that "We take good men and make them better". The question I often ask in response when I hear this is what exactly does that mean? We can in no way take a good man and show them how to become better. This is a project a man must take on himself. What we can do is provide tools to help a man on his journey to become a better man. When we ask men who come to us why they feel masonry is a good fit their answer is equally as "often to become a better man". The question we should be asking is how do you intend to do that. Have you identified areas you need improvement on? In order to truly become a better man you need to take inventory of the positive aspects of yourself and the negative aspects and continue to improve in regards to both. In addition to this I believe the idea of what it means to be a good man needs further explanation as it is different for every man. It does not mean that you need to be a pushover or turn the other cheek to every transgression you experience. So I ask now, what does this mean to you? Have you taken inventory recently? Do you know where you stand on the journey to being a better man today?

Fraternally,

Trevor Tanzillo, Junior Warden



Bro Guy Hummon, Secretary/Treasurer of Sahuaro Chapter # 523 Hi12 presenting a donation to Ms. Carole Jensen, Director of Wings on Words from the chapter on Dec 23, 2021.

Do you know about The Masonic Conversation Group?

Most Masons have been faced with the same dilemma when they were pondering whether Masonry was something for them or not: *'Yes, I am interested in it, but I don't know much about it. The Masons I know cannot really tell me what it is all about; they say: you have to experience it for yourself.'* (Hint: don't Google it, you will be thoroughly disappointed. Because you *have* to experience it for yourself. Just like life.)

We understand this dilemma (because, as I said, most of us experienced it ourselves).

But the dilemma works both ways: Freemasonry can only thrive on a constant influx of new blood, new ideas, new enthusiasm. So it benefits us to open our doors to new candidates, to be accessible. But as we also believe that new brothers should join out of their own free will, without any pressure from our side, we are limited in our options to 'recruit' new candidates.

Therefore Tucson Lodge #4 offers the 'Masonic Conversation Group':

In a relaxed, friendly setting we give interested men the option to discuss why they would like to join, what their uncertainties and expectations are, what (if applicable) their current relationship with Freemasonry is (e.g. having family members that are Masons) etc. These sessions are always led by one or more 'experienced' Masons, who are more than willing to answer all questions and to share what joining Masonry meant for them on a personal level. It is our experience that not only do the potential candidates get a flavor of what Masonry is about, but also get to know each other. So if/when they decide to join, they may already have befriended potential future brothers.

The Conversation Group gets together every Wednesday evening, at 7:00 pm, in the library of Tucson Lodge #4, except on Stated Meeting nights (first Wednesday of the month). Also there may be no meetings during the summer months. On Stated Meeting nights the group's attendees are invited to have dinner with us from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm (that's when the Meeting starts).

Interested? Don't hesitate to send an email or extend a courtesy call to WB Jean-Claude Malterre about your intention to visit.

Jean-Claude's contact info:

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Fraternally,

Jan Halvax, editor



On December 11th, 2011, WM Carl Erdman (PM, left) was installed as the Worshipful Master of Tucson Lodge #4 for the second consecutive year. WB Leigh Creighton (PM) was the Installing Master and is seen here handing over the gavel.



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From The Secretary



than 100 years old, you can see why we need to be careful in handling them.

Now for my Public Service Announcement – if you haven't paid your dues, please do so. If you need help, please let either the Worshipful Master or myself know so we can help. As of this writing (Jan 14th) we have 53 brothers who have yet to pay their dues. I would love to have a summer where we are not tracking down brothers to pay dues.

See you in lodge!

Paul Simpson, PM

For those of you who were not at the January stated meeting, I read the minutes for the January 1922 stated meeting. Yes, you read that correctly, NINETEEN TWENTY-TWO – 100 years ago. At that time, the lodge was even more active than we are today. A major item of business, and very significant in the masonic history of Tucson, was the lodge's approval of a request to form another lodge as well as to issue demits for 14 of the founding members. This lodge became the one we know today as Epes Randolph #32.

I am in the process of scanning all the petitions and supporting documentation (demits, perpetual membership certificates, and such) of our active members and uploading them into Grand View. This is at the request of the Grand Secretary. This will also allow me to answer questions about a brother without having to wait until I get down to the lodge to dig through the paper files.

I will also be scanning in all our past minutes and at the same time, putting them in better binders and labeling as such. With the recent fires in numerous masonic temples, it is important we take steps to protect our history. We already have all the Past Mater pictures scanned through 2019 and I want to do the same with the minutes. Our lodge and member records are stored in fire resistant cabinets, and we do have sprinklers in the building. Another advantage in scanning the minutes is we can refer to them without taking the risk of damaging them. When we have paper that is more



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Arizona Chapter #2, OES, First Tuesday.....	7:30PM
Saguaro Chapter #48 OES, Second & Fourth Mondays	7:00PM
Olana Temple #131, Daughters of the Nile, Third Monday.....	6:00PM
Oasis Court #75, Ladies Oriental Shrine, First Monday	7:00PM
Daughters of Scotia, Second Friday.....	7:00 PM
DeMolay - Arizona Chapter, First and Third Sundays.....	6:00PM
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