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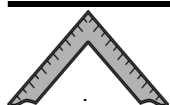
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From The East



Brethren,

Fellowship:

We may look up in the dictionary what this word fellowship means and find:

1. -friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.
-a group of people meeting to pursue a shared interest or aim.
-a guild or corporation.
2. the status of a fellow of a college or society.

We do have this "fellowship" in our lodge. A bond between men and brothers that is so strong, so unbreakable, and so deeply embedded in us, we would cross many barriers to help another brother.

Why do we do these things? Each of us has a reason or reasons to. We join in fellowship in the lodge meetings. We also have the same when we meet for dinner or a breakfast and even in refreshment. I believe we share it in manual labor around the lodge. Not all of us join these jobs. Maybe many more ought to; however, each of us have our Supreme Being and our family and work commitments.

Some are always the doers and may sometimes feel as though they are the only ones who do anything. Some do what they feel they can afford to donate of their valuable time. Then there are some who think that this is a good idea and wonder who is going to make it happen. Some want to help and yet may feel intimidated or feel they may be stepping on the toes of those who have the experience and knowledge.

I think those who feel they are the only ones should look around a bit and see that there are others. To those who

MARCH 2022 Calendar

Wed 2nd	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated meeting	7:00 pm
	(Official visit by SGW RW George Rusk)	
Sat 5th	NO BREAKFAST	
Sat 5th	Table Lodge MM Degree	6:00 pm
	Guest speaker: MWGM Randy Jager	
Wed 9th	Degree or Practice	7:00 pm
Wed 16th	Past Masters Night	
	-Dinner	6:00 pm
	-PM Degree	7:00 pm
Wed 23rd	Degree or Practice	7:00 pm
Fri—Sun 25-27:	Masonicon (Casa Grande)	
Sat 26th	Deadwood Lunch	11:30 am
	(Laverna's)	
Mon 28th	Visit Downtown	7:00 pm
	Lodge #86	
Wed 30th	Masonic Education	7:00 pm
	(All Masons)	

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.

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help when they can, we thank you! To the others: if it's a good idea to you, jump in with both feet and help. Please don't be thinking that you won't be any help, there is always someone who knows and will help you learn. Those who are asked to help another, I ask you to have patience with those who are willing.

I believe if we all help when we can, do what we know or come to learn something unknown to us, we will all have that feeling of Fellowship. I know I do!

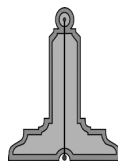
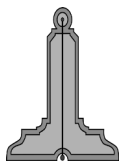
Fraternally,

Carl Erdman, PM

Worshipful Master
Tucson Lodge # 4 2022



From The West



Apprenticeship

In Medieval times, young men were “apprenticed” to a Master Craftsman to learn a skill or trade, eventually moving up to Fellow-craft or Journeyman and after learning, practicing and being tested regarding all aspects of their craft, the one-time apprentice could become a Master himself. The factor that made this practice successful (in most cases) was that the apprentice had a commitment to that particular trade and that particular master craftsman. There are a variety of trades today that advocate and practice apprenticeship programs. Electricians, plumbers, carpenters, stone masons, machinists, butchers, doctors (the AMA calls the program Internship and Residency) all go through a structured educational program where the Apprentice or Journeyman learns the rules, laws and techniques of their chosen trade and then demonstrate their proficiency in these skills and techniques under the supervision of a Master. Just a note, no one expects a Doctor to graduate from Medical School on Friday and be a qualified surgeon on Monday. This approach has kept the world supplied with skilled tradesmen (and doctors) for hundreds of years.

So how do we keep the world supplied with Freemasons for the next 500 years? First, we are committed to

MARCH MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
WILLIAM TAFOYA BELTRAN	02	39
CHARLES JUDE SOULLIARD	03	19
AYMAN ISMAT ABDULHAMID	05	20
BRUCE ANDREW FISHER	08	59
JAMES RICHARD RANDOLPH	08	47
JAMES BLAKE HILL	09	11
JOSE ESTRELLA	09	33
NICHOLAS LANE WERTS	10	1
NEIL ALLEN BAILEY	12	8
JAMES HENRI BLANKENSHIP	15	39
E. DAVID HOBBS	17	74
DENNIS MICHAEL LOSS	19	35
MORRIS VAN ELROD	22	42
HANNES JURGEN MEYER	24	18
JOSHUA LEE STEWART	24	1
STEPHEN ODELL DOONAN	25	24
JUAN CARLOS PODESTA	26	48
JAMES DONALD WADLEY	26	43
EARL JOSEPH SHAMBO	27	43
RALPH FLEMING KERFOOT	28	26
WESLEY YANDELL	28	10
JOSEPH FRANKLIN MADDUX	30	62
HOWARD MARC STEINBERG	30	6
BOWMAN DEWAYNE PAXTON	30	3
DONALD MELVIE JESS	31	19

No, '74' is not a misprint: Brother Hobbs has been a member for 74 years and is our longest member. Congratulations, Brother Hobbs!

Freemasonry. We become an Entered Apprentice, demonstrating our proficiencies as we advance to Fellow-craft and then Master Mason. It is our commitment to Masonry that will assure that a Lodge continues into perpetuity.

For a Lodge to survive and prosper, there needs to be a continuous line of officers, each progressing through their own “apprenticeship” for each chair. The requirements and proficiencies for advancement are well defined.

Speculative Masons, who are; 1) interested in “improving themselves in Masonry”, 2) focused on the “good of the Lodge” and 3) are invested in the “three principle tenets”, might seek a position as a Lodge officer. You might consider that phoning a brother for information is the same as knocking on their (electronic) door. They will find a plethora of current Masters, and Past Masters they can ask for aid and assistance in completing the proficiencies for each chair. Depending on the individual, the journey may take up to 7 years. It just takes a commitment to

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We are all apprentices for various skills at different times in our lives. As an Apprentice, learning, practicing and demonstrating proficiency in our Masonic craft is a necessary step in illustrating our three principle tenets to the world and to keeping our lodges thriving and vibrant.

Fraternally,

Sam Greer, Senior Warden



There are other lodges that take just the basic meaning of our symbols and leave it at that. Both approaches are correct and noble. I urge each of you to pick a masonic symbol and learn more about it. You may be surprised to find information exists about that symbol you were not aware of previously. Enjoy the journey!

Fraternally,

Trevor Tanzillo, Junior Warden



From The South

“Symbolism is no mere idle fancy or corrupt degeneration: it is inherent in the very texture of human life.”

-Robert North Whitehead

Hello from the south! Welcome to March. In February we had an education night that went in to a bit of our symbolism. It was a great meeting and all the brethren that attended had a lot of fun learning and discussing symbolism. There is a substantial mythos surrounding symbolism. Masons tend to enjoy this mythos the most.

As children our study of symbolism begins earlier than we may think. We get exposed to the “magical” idea of symbols early. Children’s cartoons and nursery rhymes are filled with wizards and witches casting magic spells usually speaking certain words or drawing certain characters. We also begin learning our alphabet and numbers. What we normally don’t acknowledge is that these are symbols as equally as any symbols we use as Masons. The number 1 is the number 1 only because we all agree on its meaning.

But we as Masons are in a special situation. We don’t always agree on the meaning of our symbols. And therein lies the beauty of Freemasonry. We allow a certain degree of personal interpretation. There is a certain freedom to the symbolism in Freemasonry that applies to the individual perceiving the symbol. There are lodges that focus on dissecting our symbols and finding as much meaning as possible within them.

Proposed By-Laws Changes

(From whom else: the Secretary; for more info read his article on page 5)

Here is a general summary of the by-laws changes that were proposed at the February stated meeting:

- Article 2, New Section 2 – adding a restriction about being an elected officer in another lodge while serving as an elected officer in Tucson 4.
- Article 3, New Section 3 – allowing the Master, Secretary, and Treasurer to pay all routine and normal bills during the time the lodge may be dark when directed by local governments or the Grand Lodge.
- Article 8, Section 1, Paragraph B – delete as it has been removed from the AMC and is no longer necessary.
- Article 8, Add new Section 2 – fees for petitions and applications for affiliations must be included with the petition and application before they can be read (somehow was removed from the by-laws in between printings)
- Article 12, Section 1 – Add item L – Masonic Education (if desired) and renumber rest of items
- Article 13, Section 2 – adding the secretary as a non-voting observer to the trustees.
- Removing annotations of deleted paragraphs and subsequent renumbering.

These changes will be voted on at the March stated meeting.




Picture top left: Jim, Harry, Will and Mike
Picture top right: Gene hands check to Harry
Picture bottom left: Mike and Jim

At the Feb. 10 weekly meeting of the Sahuaro High Twelve (H-12) Club in Tucson, AZ. our guest of honor was Mike Clark from Grand Rapid, MI. who is the CEO and President of the Wolcott Foundation. This Foundation is financially supported by H-12 Clubs and awards annual scholarships to graduate students attending George Washington University. Mike recognized the work of Wolcott Trustee, Dr. Will Wilkinson, and Harry Brown, the Wolcott Rep. for Southern Arizona. Mike was introduced by Club President, Jim Blankenship.

A check in the amount of \$500 was presented to Harry for the Foundation by Club member & Wolcott Club Rep., Gene Wickey. This check was in memory of Bill Lofquist, member of H-12 Club 523.

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**SAHUARO HIGH TWELVE #523
Meets every Thursday 8:00AM
Old Times Kafe 1485 W. Prince Rd.**





From The Secretary



I am going to try to keep it short this month. One of the duties of the secretary is the keeper of the lodge by-laws. When you become a member of the lodge, we give you a copy of the by-laws that we hope you have looked at. Looking back over the archives of the lodge, I found it has been many years since a committee was put together to review the by-laws. As near as I could find, it was sometime before 2013 so a review is long overdue. We have included a summary of the important by-laws changes as well as the housekeeping changes, like renumber paragraphs after something that was deleted is removed, in this Trestleboard. We also have a couple of changes we need to make due to changes in the Arizona Masonic Code. As the changes were read at the last stated meeting, we will be discussing and voting on them at the March meeting. Whatever changes we make will not go into effect until they are approved at the annual communication.

I want to thank the brothers on the by-laws committee – Sam Greer, Ben Garcia, Josh Stewart, Ben Thorp, and Ron Allen - for their hard work and wise counsel on the proposed changes. We had a good cross section of younger and older masons and this was also some education for our younger members.

Now here is my monthly grump session – If you haven't paid your 2022 dues, please do so!

'Nuff said.

See you in lodge!

Paul

Paul A. Simpson, PM



DID YOU KNOW??

Each month has its particular celebrations. Here some for March:

March 6: National Dentist's Day, National Oreo Cookie Day (Free cookies at your dentist!)

March 9: National Meatball Day

March 14: National Pi Day, Learn About Butterflies Day, National Potato Chip Day

March 18: National Supreme Sacrifice Day, National Biodiesel Day (sacrifice your car and put some bio-diesel in it)



Soon in a
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you...

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TUCSON LODGE MASONIC FAMILY SCHEDULES

Arizona Chapter #2, OES, Meeting with Saguaro Chapter #48 (see below)	7:00PM
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	6:00PM
Daughters of Scotia, Second Friday.....	7:00 PM
DeMolay - Arizona Chapter, First and Third Sundays.....	6:00PM
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