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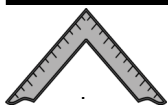
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### From The East



**B**rethren,

We are now in what the rest of the country and most of the world calls Autumn. In Arizona, we really can't tell if it's still summer, gone to winter or really is the Fall.

We had a nice long break during the summer, or did we?

Well, no, we had a lot going on during the months of June, July and August. I hope everyone enjoyed the fun events and others what few degrees we've done.

September was pretty well planned out by the beginning of August. To begin, we had our Stated Meeting and elected a prospect to enter our Fraternity. We read three petitions for the degrees and an application for affiliation for this month. I have a plan if all are elected. It's not going to be easy, I do ask for all the cooperation and help you can give. I think I can safely say that we have a plan for the remainder of my term. September was pretty busy and October and November are shaping up to not let up.

For any not aware, we moved the discussion group for the men interested in our Craft to Thursday evenings. I took the reins of it personally, and believe Sam, if elected, plans to continue the same path.

As mentioned above, we read three petitions in the September Stated Meeting. In this month, if all three are elected in: I have already spoken to the prospects and we will do one the second week this month, the 12th, one on the 20th (a Thursday) and the third on the 26th.

As of this writing, I expect two more to be turned in. If elected in November, we will have another EA degree on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Brace yourselves as we may have to do a MM degree in November. I don't know yet, I'm thinking ahead of what could be.

We have a couple of our brethren who may be, I can't promise or reveal their names to get in their EA degree proficiency (Open, Confer and Close).

### OCTOBER 2022 Calendar

Sat 1st	Fellowship Breakfast	7:30 am
Wed 5th	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Wed 12th	Possibly EA Degree	7:00 pm
Wed 19th	Awards Night	7:00 pm
	Presenter: MWGM Jim Baker	
Thur 20th	Possibly EA Degree	7:00 pm
Wed 26th	Possibly EA Degree	7:00 pm

*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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## From the East continued

As of now, I do not know for sure if either will proceed. Someone's going to have to. On that, JW is not an easy job, nor are the Stewards. A lot of work is done by them and they get very little appreciation from the members for what they do. Let me put it this way. I would run for SW or Master again long before I asked to be elected to JW again.

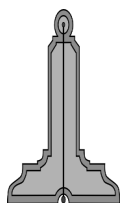
I thank you all for the support the lodge has shown me in the last, almost, two years. It's been an enjoyable experience, thanks to you, the members of this lodge.

Fraternally,

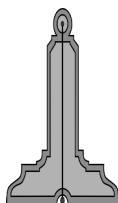
*Carl Erdman, PM*

Worshipful Master

Tucson Lodge # 4 2022



## From The West



Fall is finally upon us. While it is still technically summer, hopefully we will begin to see some relief from the heat. As the weather cools, perhaps the activity and fellowship in the Lodge will begin to heat up. We have stated meetings, degrees and practices; but what could be some fun activities that would encourage brothers to attend more often and share in the friendship and brotherly love of the Lodge? I understand that many brothers have responsibilities, jobs and commitments they must perform, but for those of us who have escaped the yoke of a 40 hour per week job, how does coffee and donuts on a Tuesday morning sound?

We could increase our education programs, not just for Masonic education, but for a variety of subjects that may be of interest to the brothers (and families). The possibilities are infinite, game night, movie night, pot luck dinners. Instead of a 5 minute date interview, how about a five minute "get to know your Brother" interview.

I would like to hear ideas from the brethren, what activities and programs would you like to see happening

## OCTOBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

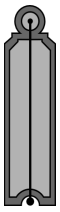
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KENNETH STEARNS HENRY	01	47
SALVATORE JOSEPH PICERNO	01	54
STEVE JOSEPH POCKUBA	02	47
KENNETH RONALD BOWEN	04	44
ROBERT LEE REID	08	42
ERNEST BRUCE COOPER	08	8
CLIFFORD JACKSON HAZARD	10	60
MICHAEL MONTANO SANTOS	10	21
DOUGLAS JOHN WILLIAM MARCUS	11	16
TRACY STEVEN BROWN	11	5
DANIEL LEE SWANGO	12	46
MICHAEL JOHN GRZEGORSKI	14	2
JERRY CARL HALL	15	48
RUSSELL BLAIR JOHNSON II	15	15
CHARLES RICHARD STUP	16	25
ERNEST DANIEL BUSBY	17	38
JAMES GEORGE ELDORADO	19	72
SAMUEL ALLEN STEPHENSON	20	46
DARRYL LESTER WEAVER	22	3
ANTHONY ERIC MERRIMAN	23	9
ROBERT DEWAYNE CRAWFORD	27	46
KENNETH ALAN MARCOUX	28	56
FRANK FLORES CARLEY	29	17
DONALD DUGALD STEVENSON	29	42
FRANCIS JOSEPH CAVANAUGH	30	21
STEVEN LEO VOGEL	31	38
VINCENT MORENO SANTOS	31	32

*Mention it is your masonic birthday month and get a free meal at that month's stated meeting.*

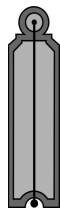
in the Lodge? The membership of Tucson 4 holds a veritable treasure trove of interests, experience and education. Personally, I would enjoy learning more from and about my Masonic Brothers. Please address me at a Stated Meeting, or any meeting, or feel free to email me at: [scgreer64@yahoo.com](mailto:scgreer64@yahoo.com) and share your thoughts.

*Sam Greer, Senior Warden*





## From The South



“They wander in darkness seeking light, failing to realize that the light is in the heart of the darkness”

-Manly P Hall

Hello from the south! Another month has passed and with it a trying time for many including myself. I definitely found myself staring into the darkness intently for a time or two. I took some time away from masonry to contemplate a few things and put the other pieces of my life in order. During this time I felt as if I was on the outside looking in for a period and it made me realize a few things. It's funny that we put forth that masonry should not be in our top priorities but during my attempt to place it a bit further back on my list, I was bombarded with different requests masonically speaking. It made me realize that we may have lost sight of what is truly important.

I received an email during my time away, that the Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons had requested recognition from the Governor regarding his position as Grand Master. It struck me as odd.

“Less glory is more liberty. When the drum is silent, reason sometimes speaks”- Albert Pike

Our goal as masons is not to seek recognition from others inside or outside of our fraternity. I can do nothing in regards to the Grand Lodge and who there would listen to a mason such as me anyway. So I decided to bring my focus inward. Here at Tucson 4 we structure our years around certain things. One being the Master Architect award. We are very proud we have been granted this so many times in a row. But again we aim to structure our entire year around this at times pushing and rushing as hard as we can to accomplish the requirements for this.

These are two such examples but I think they illustrate my point clearly and I know for certain not all will agree. I find myself often questioning some things. For a very long time I kept those questions to myself. And while I know I am not alone in my thoughts on these questions, I can only speak for myself when I say this: The only reward I ever needed is worn around my waist. The only recognition I need is from a brother or member of the community that I have helped, if indeed I have.

“What we have done for ourselves dies alone with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal”- Albert Pike

As usual any discussion you would like to have with me regarding any of this I am interested in and open to

Fraternally,

*Trevor Tanzillo*, Junior Warden

*Editor's Note:*

*Brother Trevor mentioned the Master Architect Award. I thought it would be interesting to find out exactly what that entails. So on the website of the Grand Lodge of Arizona I found the list of tasks a Lodge needs to perform in order to be given the award. A daunting list indeed. But not very interesting to summarize here, except for one item: A Lodge only needs to publish 8 Trestleboards per year. 8! Darnit, I always thought it was 10! How I was kept in the masonic dark!*

*But during my search I ended up on sites describing both Trestle Boards and Tracing Boards. I learned that these terms are often used interchangeably, but both have rich and different histories. This could definitely be worth an article on its own: I challenge my eager readers to provide me with juicy material on this subject.*

*For now, on the masthead and on page 4 I placed some examples of Tracing Boards.*

*JH*





Two Tracing Board Examples. According to one web-site many of these have been lost and existing ones are therefore valuable.

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# From The Secretary



and other sources for finding them. But my best source is **YOU**. There are times when you need to contact me with changed, added, or removed information. The following are examples of that information:

1. When you move, in or out of state
2. When you change your telephone number (cell or home)
3. When you change your email address
4. When you join another lodge (in or out of AZ)
5. When you Demit or withdraw from another lodge (in or out of AZ)

Better yet, you can update your address and contact information in Grandview yourself (if you have activated your account). If you would like help in setting up your account, please let me know.

We had a great time at the Gaslight Theatre in August, and I am looking at setting up another trip in the spring once I get the spring schedule.

See you in Lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM

## From the Secretary

Ah, yes, the month of October, when we see the light at the end of the tunnel for the masonic year and await the oncoming train which is the next year. I have finished compiling the list of our longevity award recipients for our Awards Night on October 19<sup>th</sup>. If he can make it, we will be presenting an extremely rare award – 75 years. From my research in the archives of the lodge, this will be first of this kind. In the past we had a couple of 70s, but never a 75. There will be a meal of some sort beforehand and the festivities will start at 7:00 pm.

At the September stated meeting, we suspended 2 brothers for non-payment of dues, something I really, really dislike doing. Dues for 2023 will remain the same - \$122 (\$127 if paying via PayPal). Out of our 232 members, roughly 160 pay dues, the reminder are our Senior Life, Regulation 19, and Perpetual members. Dues notices will go out the first part of November and I dues cards shortly thereafter. I do not know when we will receive our dues cards from Grand Lodge as we haven't been asked on how many we will need yet. At the risk of the wrath of the treasurer, I will start taking 2023 dues payments whenever you give them to me.

Sometimes the role of a secretary is that of a detective. We have five brothers who I still cannot track down. I have access to several search engines

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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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