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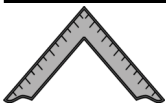
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## From The East



### Why?

Why did you become interested in becoming a Mason? Did the notion of performing good deeds for your fellow man inspire you to strive for a higher purpose? Did the thought of belonging to a Fraternity composed of like-minded men interest you on a social level? Were you inspired by the tenets and premises of Masonry, Brotherly Love, Relief,

Truth, acting upon the Square, keeping your passions within due bounds and paying homage to a Supreme Being? Perhaps you saw Masonry as a new source of business contacts.

The social aspect of Masonry is undeniable. Lodges are composed on men who value Truth, helping the less fortunate, worship a Supreme Being, are upright in our dealings with our fellow man, practice self control and are to some extent, Patriotic. While it is true that a man can practice the above attributes in isolation, it is also true that these lessons and habits are learned earlier and faster if they are practiced in the company of similarly minded individuals. Masons are not superior to those not in the Fraternity, merely more driven to achieve these goals and with a very strong support group.

Regarding the “you saw Masonry as a new source of business contacts” statement, if this was the reason you joined Free Masonry, you have missed the whole point of the Fraternity. It is true that the brethren are composed of a wide variety of talents and areas of expertise, and it is acceptable to ask a brother for help or guidance regarding a personal matter. As Masons, we regard our Lodge members are brothers, and therefore practice Brotherly Love and Relief.

It is NOT acceptable to use your association with Masonry to advertise your business or as a testimonial that you are somehow trustworthy because you are a Mason. It is also forbidden to use the Square and Compass on business card or website unless the Grand Master has expressly approved its use.

So why did you become a Mason? The answer should be, “to become a better man”.

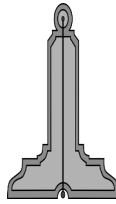
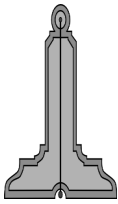
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## August Calendar

|              |   |         |
|--------------|---|---------|
| Wed -Aug 2nd | No Stated Meeting—Lodge Dark<br>(No stated meetings in July and August) |         |
| Fri Aug 18th | Gaslight Theatre  |         |
| Wed Aug 23   | Potluck/Game Night  | 6:00 pm |
| Wed Aug 30   | Officer Practice  | 7:00 pm |
| Sept 6th     | Stated Meeting Dinner   | 6:00 pm |
|              | Stated Meeting  | 7:00 pm |
|              | Official Visit of SGW   |         |

*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.*

## From The West



“If there be light, then there is dark-  
ness; if cold, heat; if height, if height,  
depth; if solid, fluid; if hard, soft; if

rough, smooth; if calm, tempest; if prosperity, adversity; if  
life, death” Pythagoras

Hello from the West! When I am involved in the discussion group or conversations with men interested in becoming masons I have a few go to things I mention or discuss. They aren't necessarily original but they both serve the purpose of helping another explore themselves and their own thoughts on a topic. One of these is the idea of duality of man. The object I point to in regards to duality is the yin and yang. The yin and yang alludes to several different opposing forces. The meaning I apply here specifically is negative and positive. Every human being has both negative and positive forces within them. If there is an imbalance either way, this creates major issues for a human being. Balance is important ultimately important to be a fully formed being. When masons call themselves good men trying to be better, in my opinion, the real thing we are doing is attempting to balance the opposing forces in oneself. To be specific, being a good man doesn't mean you need be another persons doormat under the guise of being a good man. It means forming ones own opinions and picking your battles appropriately. Balancing when to aqueous and when to resist. It also means accepting responsibility and ownership when you are wrong. Normally this portion of discussion leads in to the idea of introspection. Taking time out of your day to check in with yourself. What have I done well and what have I done improperly? How can I improve? Having a man start doing this early on in my opinion greatly improves their experience should they decide to move forward in the degrees. By the time a candidate moves from profane to EA, if they have been practicing introspection, they will have already begun the infinitely important process of correcting and balancing their internal positive and negative forces. I share this for obvious reasons and with a question. However far along in your masonic career you are. Are you still making sure you are still properly balanced?

Remember...Tomorrow isn't promised so do the things today you put off until tomorrow and make sure you tell those you love exactly how much you care now.

Fraternally,  
*Trevor Tanzillo*, Senior Warden

*Seeing as the Junior Warden is off in someone's kitchen, we were able to persuade the Worshipful Master to give us further words.*

## WORDS

“Sticks and Stones may break your bones, but your words will never hurt me”.

Maybe an easy mantra to remind children to not resort to name calling (or bullying), but it certainly does not apply in the adult world. Words can be damaging, hurtful and evoke a variety of emotions. Words that are spoken or reacted to; in anger, from some position of pride, lust, or envy can incite even the calmest person to become violent or vindictive. Ramp up these emotions by putting a negative spin on a statement or insinuation and suddenly “Brotherly Love” is not a phrase that even enters the conversation.

There are several country sayings that summarize the need for measuring our words. 1) “Lord, please let my words be sweet, in case I have to eat them later”. 2) “Don't let your Alligator mouth over-load your Humming Bird brain”. 3) “Better to keep quiet and let people think you are a fool, rather than opening your mouth and removing all doubt”. Then there is the mantra that every Mason repeats, “Learn to subdue your desires and keep your passions within due bounds”. Oh, if it were only that easy, just recite a phrase and life will be calm. Everyone reacts differently to situations depending on their upbringing and their personal experience. Mix in a few dozen Personality types and the anticipated response to a statement can vary from apathy to homicidal rage. The Masonic fraternity seeks to encourage men to control their reactions to words and phrases by practicing specific mantras and approaches to stressful situations.

There are entire books that contain the words and phrases used by Masons in rituals, ceremonies, meetings, pledges and promises that should guide us in our interactions with our fellow Masons and the world in general. Let us focus on these words and phrases as well as the three basic Tenets of Masonry,

Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Remember that we all asked the Supreme Being to “Keep me steadfast in the due observance of this, my solemn obligation as a Mason”.

The question is, how many Masons take these words, phrases and promises to heart and demonstrate them when we meet, act and part. Since we are all adult men, there is no need to belabor the point, if you are a Mason act like one, if you can't do that, go join another club. The symbol for Masonry sums it up in one nice neat image. Learn it, practice it, live it!



## MASONIC CLOCK

We have been presented with a Seth Thomas 1890 "OG" key wind antique clock. What makes it so special, it has ties to the history of our lodge. It was owned by Albert Dunaway, WM 1928. He had it over his desk at the lodge when he was Master. After his term as Master, he took it home where it hung for many years and was passed down through the family where it ended up in the hands of his Great Nephew, Dr. Ezra (Dunaway) Cunningham.

Dr Ezra had approached the lodge looking for information about his Great Uncle which we were more than happy to provide. A couple of weeks later, we were asked if we would accept the donation of the clock as Dr Ezra felt it needed to come home to the lodge. We graciously accepted it. The clock is currently sitting in the library and we are in the process of determining the proper place to hang it. One suggestion is to use it as the clock in the north.

But this is not the entire story about the clock. Family records show that WB Dunaway purchased the clock along with some surveying tools from his old friend, George Roskruge, our second past master, further cementing the clock's ties to our lodge.

## MORE LODGE HISTORY

For those of you who may not realize, our printed by-laws have a couple of extras added after the by-laws. We list all of our Past Masters as well as all of our Masons of the Year. So at the risk of making folks feel old, here are our 10 most senior Past Masters:

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Ralph R Francis       | 1981       |
| Gerald L. Francis     | 1982       |
| Robert C. Conrad, PGM | 1984       |
| Craig L. Gross, PGM   | 1988, 2003 |
| John "Wes" Stokes     | 1990       |
| Ronald N. Allen       | 1991       |
| Dennis Cornell        | 1992       |
| Jean-Claude Malterre  | 1994       |
| Paul A. Simpson       | 1995, 1996 |
| William T. Beltran    | 1998       |

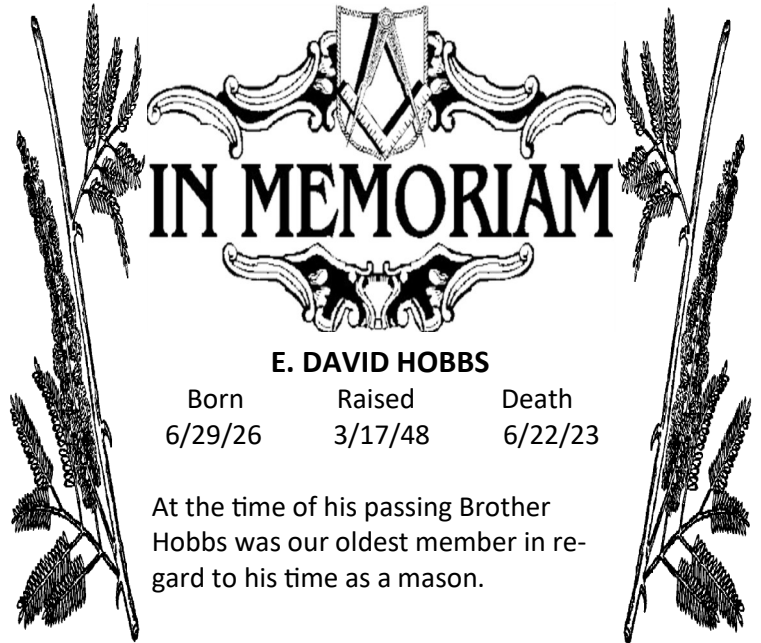
All of our Past Masters who served since 2003 are still with us.

Our longest serving Mason of the Year, who also happens to be an Az Mason of the Year is MW Craig Gross.

## AUGUST MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

| NAME                    | DAY | YEARS |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| JAN JULIUS HALVAX       | 1   | 5     |
| JAMES EDWARD MOORE      | 1   | 11    |
| TANNER CALDWELL COOK    | 14  | 4     |
| JOAQUIN ACUNA MUNOZ     | 14  | 10    |
| EDDIE MARREL TAYLOR     | 15  | 15    |
| STEPEHN JOHN PATRICK    | 20  | 26    |
| LUCAS KIRKWOOD THORNE   | 20  | 9     |
| PAUL ALAN SIMPSON       | 21  | 37    |
| TREVOR JAMES TANZILLO   | 21  | 4     |
| RICHARD JAMES GONIA, JR | 24  | 18    |
| DONALD HUNTON PHELPS    | 27  | 26    |
| RALPH ROSCOE FRANCIS    | 28  | 49    |
| JON ROMAN HAHN          | 28  | 44    |
| TODD MATTHEW CANALE     | 29  | 9     |
| JAMES PAYTON ROLLINS    | 30  | 17    |

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



## Our Sick and Distressed Brothers

Brethren, please keep the following ailing brethren in your prayers. If you would like to send a card, please contact the secretary for their address.

*Earl Joseph Shambo, Ron Hill, Carl Erdman*

If you know of any brothers who are sick or in distress please let the Senior Warden or the Secretary know.



## HOW ARE FREEMASONS VIEWED IN TUCSON, ARIZONA?

*Freemasons are viewed in Tucson, AZ as a fraternal organization that promotes brotherly love, relief, and truth. They are a group of men who believe in the importance of personal growth and development, and who work to make the world a better place.*

*Freemasons are often seen as a positive force in the community, and they are involved in a variety of charitable and civic activities. They also provide a sense of fellowship and camaraderie for their members.*

*Some people may view Freemasons as a secret society, but they are actually a very open and transparent organization. Their meetings are open to the public, and they are happy to answer any questions about their beliefs and practices.*

*Overall, Freemasons are seen in Tucson, AZ as a positive force in the community. They are a group of men who are committed to making the world a better place, and they provide a sense of fellowship and camaraderie for their members.*

The above was the response of Google's version of ChatGPT (Bard) when asked the question—"How are freemasons viewed in Tucson, Az?" It still has a way to go in answering the question.

Many thanks to Bro P. Scott Ceravolo who asked Bard the question.



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## POT LUCK—AUGUST 23

Seeing as the month of August has five Wednesdays, it is time for another pot luck dinner and game night. This is open to family and friends. The lodge will be providing the main course and we are asking all who come out for the event to bring a side or a dessert. Will will break out some of the games the secretary has stashed in his office. We have heard rumors there may even be a Cornhole game set up. Watch the weekly email for more details as we get closer.

## OFFICER PRACTICE—AUGUST 30

We have been dark for the summer and it has been several months since we have performed any ritual. As RW Leigh Creighton, SGW, is having his Official Visit to our lodge at our September stated meeting, we need to practice receiving him in proper form and also remembering the rest of our ritual. I am asking every officer to make the attempt to attend this practice. We may even have ice cream after the practice for those who indulge.

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# From The Secretary



While the lodge has been “dark” this summer, your secretary has been very busy. Even though our awards night is not until mid October, I have already submitted the list of Grand Lodge longevity awards to the Grand Secretary for verification. We have 7 brothers who are receiving awards for 50 years and more service to the craft, and 15 brothers who will be receiving their 25 year awards. In addition we have another 15 brothers who will be getting local longevity awards. We reach out to the Grand Secretary as any time a brother has been suspended for non-payment of dues is subtracted out of his total time. Once a brother has been suspended and reinstated, he CANNOT erase the break by paying the dues for those missing years.

I sent out 10 notices of pending suspension last month via certified mail and have received a good response. Several brothers who have not paid have since remitted their dues.

For those of you may not know, I also wear the hat of building manager. Sometimes it is almost a full time job keeping it running. So far we have replaced all the lights around the outside of the building and still need to replace some of the smaller flood lights both in the front vestibule area and the back patio. We also moved the cracked concrete settees from the front of the building. The monsoon rains also brought a lot of trash onto the parking lot and that has been cleaned up. Many thanks to WB Jon Schmidt and his crew from Arizona Chapter Order of DeMolay for their work in taking care of the landscaping. We replaced the automatic flush units on two of the commodes with manual ones as it was cheaper to go manual than to replace the control units. We are planning on replacing the ones on the urinals a little further down the road. We still need to replace some of the valve seals in the faucet by the dishwasher.

We have two upcoming outdoor projects. The first is to build a new cage around our back flow valves. For those of you who may not know, we have had issues with some of the homeless opening up the purge valves to get water. They then leave them open. The original cages have rusted out from the leaks we have had over the years. WB Vince Santos and Ray Sno have designed a new enclosure which will protect the valves from unauthorized use and still provide enough room for when we have our annual backflow inspection done.

The second project is replacing the bulbs in the parking lot lights. This will require renting a cherry picker to reach them. Several years ago we refitted the lights with LEDs and they have started to burn out.

With these projects in mind and also to help with the general upkeep of the lodge, we are resurrecting the “Thursday Crew”. Granted, it will not need to meet on a Thursday. If you would like to assist, please contact either Ray Snow (number on the officer list) or myself. See you in lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM



## ADVERTISING IN TUCSON 4 NEWSLETTER

Would you like to get your business out to your Masonic Brothers? If so, consider taking out an ad in the Tucson Lodge 4 Newsletter. It is published monthly and gets sent out all over the State. You will also be helping your Lodge continue to provide its members and friends with current articles and information. A 1/8 page (business card) is only \$75.00, a 1/4 page ad is \$150.00, a 1/2 page ad is \$300.00 and a full page ad is \$600.00. If interested please contact the Lodge secretary and we will set you up. Thanks for your support.

## 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 Sundays.....                               | For info Contact Arizona.Chair@AzDeMolay.org 6:00PM    |
| Bethel #25, Job's Daughters .....   | For info Contact Laureen at bethel25azjdi@gmail.com    |
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