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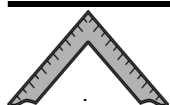
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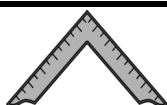
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### From The East



**B**rethren,

Follow your Dreams! Pursue your Goals! They can be achieved!

Over the last two years I have tried hard to do these. I had dreams, I had goals and I think I have met most, if not all. Some, and I think it is few, may think I was wrong, I do not. Is that arrogance or foolishness? I think neither one.

I've had a brother tell me at times he thought I was a bit of a tyrant. I never meant to be. His view, not mine. I appreciate that he shared this with me. Every now and then, we need to look deep into ourselves and determine where we are and where we want or need to go. His thoughts made me do that. Thank you.

I'm not claiming to be a wise man. In a way, maybe I am. I may not have all the answers, but know to ask others who might.

Keep our principle tenets true in your heart. Brotherly Love, Truth and Relief. Remember your obligations and repeat them constantly. Studying the meaning, not just the words. Remember your Charges and let the same apply.

Trust your brethren to make the correct choices, they are doing the best they can with the thought of our lodge.

I thank all of you, the members of Tucson Lodge # 4, for giving me the honor and privilege of serving our Lodge. It has been a busy and interesting road in my Masonic journey. From your blessing, I have met many of

### DECEMBER 2022 Calendar

Sat 3rd	Fellowship Breakfast	7:30 am
Wed 7th	Dinner	6:00 pm
	Stated Meeting	7:00 pm
Sat 10th	Installation of Officers	2:00 pm
Wed 14th	Possibly Master Degree	6:30 pm
Wed 21st	Possibly Master Degree	6:30 pm

- Lodge is dark after Saturday the 10th until Stated Meeting on January 4th, unless either of the degrees take place
- From December 10th through December 25th we celebrate the Annual Winter Haven Parking Event (5:00 pm—10:00 pm). Volunteers required.

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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our Brothers that I did not know before. I will always cherish all of this experience.

One thing I ask as I exit the East. Please support the Officers we elected to the positions we put them in. It is not easy and they will appreciate all the support you can give. The appointed Officers can also use that support.

I thank each and every one of the Brothers that helped me in these two years. To me, it doesn't matter if they started or finished the year. They gave their time the best they could. I'll love them for that for the rest of my life.

I hope all had a great Thanksgiving and will have a Merry Christmas!

Thank YOU!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

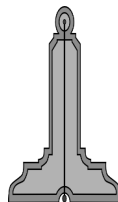
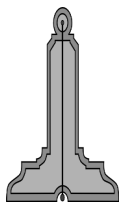
*Carl Erdman, PM*

Worshipful Master

Tucson Lodge # 4 2022



## From The West



What came you here to do?

Although at the beginning of each meeting the following words are recited by the Senior Warden, I submit that they should be the creed of every Mason: "To learn to subdue my passions and improve myself in Masonry". That pretty much sums it all up.

Learning involves both formal and practical education, regarding subjects we may not fully understand nor have had the opportunity to explore various facts, figures, reasons, or behaviors. As society becomes more compartmentalized, humans tend to specialize in specific areas of knowledge and hence remain uninformed of the "bigger picture". A general education is a vital component in the evolution of man.

## DECEMBER MASONIC BIRTHDAYS

NAME	DAY	YEARS
DAVID ARTHUR BERNE	03	48
RAFAEL LEIDY-ESCABI	05	30
RICHARD GERALD HALL	05	48
JOHN FRANKLIN THOMPSON II	06	27
BENJAMIN ANDREW HARTNETT	08	18
RALIUS VICTOR ERICKSON	09	30
JOHN LEE KALTENHAUSER	09	16
CHARLES ALAN ROSIER	10	33
RONALD LEE RICHEY	11	48
JACK ROLAND STATLER	11	60
WALTER RUSSELL GRAHAM JR	12	35
SCOTT ALLEN CLICK	21	39
CLYDE RAYMOND SNOW	22	12
ROGER PAUL SCHNEIDER	28	20

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

Subduing our passions! Why would we want to do that? Two definitions of "passion" are; intense enthusiasm, and, an outburst of emotion. Artists (musicians, painters, dancers) are enthusiastic about their craft and often reach the pinnacle of their specialties. Outbursts of emotion may range from: an expression of love for a subject or another person, to negative expressions of rage, hatred or self-righteousness.

I believe Freemasonry encourages enthusiasm, and that our professed desire to subdue our passions refers to the suppression of negative outbursts of emotion and actions resulting from those negative outbursts. Given the complexity of the human psyche, about the best we can hope for is that we eventually "learn" to subdue our passions. If an individual cannot or does not progress in "learning", then they do not deserve to be called a Mason.

Improving myself in Masonry. It is important to note that it says, "Improving myself", not that someone else is going to do it for you. What does "in Masonry" refer to, we are all familiar with the three basic tenets of Masonry, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Let's take these in reverse order.

Truth refers to universal truths, not what an individual regards as their "truth". Truth does not require an adjective, no opinion is required regarding the validity of a truth, and snarky comments do not diminish the acceptance of a truth, e.g. "Yes, it is true that

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X=Y, if you believe that sort of thing"! If it is true that X equals Y, an individuals' denial of that fact does not make it less true.

Relief may be defined as "freeing someone from anxiety". That anxiety may be the result of mental, physical or financial issues. It is the duty of every Mason to relieve other individuals, particularly a "Worthy Brother", so far as they can do so without serious injury (mental, physical or financial) to themselves. Relief can range from, "Would you like to talk", to "Can I help you move", to "Could you use a couple of bucks"?

Brotherly Love. This might require an entire book to start to define. A few specific definitions from the dictionary are; kindness, respectfulness, concern, tender affection, and fraternity. I encourage each of you, my Brothers, to ponder these attributes, because if we cannot practice Brotherly Love, we are ignoring the first tenet of Freemasonry and therefore have failed our individual commitments as a Mason.

*Sam Greer*, Senior Warden



## From The South

"The Mason must realize that his true initiation is a spiritual and not a physical ritual, and that his initiation into the living temple of the spiritual hierarchy regulating Freemasonry may not occur until years after he has taken the physical degree, or spiritually he may be a Grand Master before he comes into the world."

-Manly P Hall

Hello from the south! Elections are over and I look forward to another year serving the lodge.

Manly P hall wrote the above quote in 1923. He did not become a Mason until 1954. How did a man so separated from Freemasonry get so intimately familiar with our ideals? Because they aren't just ours. In fact we have spent several hundreds of years borrowing things

from several other places. That is part of the beauty of Freemasonry. It is an amalgamation of so many different religions and spiritual truths.

More than that Bro Hall had several interactions with Masons....AND THEY TOLD HIM THINGS. There was also no shortage of printed masonic material then. That being said I have been told a few times that we share too much in our articles. Actually there are some who believe none of anything we do should be public. No pictures, no signs, no nothing outside the lodge. For what reason? I have equally been told this is because this was how it was done hundreds of years ago. Says who? The truth is what masons do today has changed over the years multiple times. For some reading this, this change has occurred in your life time.

The even deeper truth is what we do in lodge is based on written lectures alone. As originally it was all passed down mouth to ear there is no way of knowing for sure how much has been lost over time. Not even the traditional observant lodges know for sure if what they do is an adequate representation of what took place 300 years ago. I put forth that is unlikely to be so. Change is the only thing that is certain for anyone regarding anything.

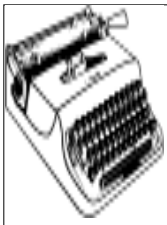
I have heard time and time again about how we struggle with membership. Perhaps it is time we change? What is the point in remaining so closed off? There is nothing that we do that is not available on the internet in one form or another. Nor are the words themselves, the cloths we wear, or the words we speak as transformative as the experience itself. Am I proposing we make everything completely public? Absolutely not. The way I see it we have two options: Continue the way we have been or push even further in to being closed off and allow our numbers to continue to dwindle, or we adjust to the times and continue to figure out new ways to welcome younger brethren in.

Our Masonic principles are more valuable now than ever before and these young men are incredibly receptive. Our goal now should be moving forward and continuing to provide a welcoming environment for them. I believe with your help, we can continue growing with the younger generations. So please if you see a younger man in the lodge, or any new face, welcome them and invite them to your table!

Fraternally,

*Trevor Tanzillo*, Junior Warden





## From The Editor



Dear readers,

This is my last Trestle Board edition. After four years I figured it is time for new Trestle Board blood. Time for new ideas and fresh energy. And you know what, we found just the right person: Catheryn Simpson will be taking over and I am sure she will do a great job. As a matter of fact, she helped me out for this year's May edition, as I was in Europe at the time.

The hardest part about this work is filling the notorious empty page. Sometimes readers supply you with enough material, but sometimes not. So be kind to your new editor and give her some material to work with. Let your inner writer out and explore the limits of your imagination. We don't need the compasses to set boundaries for our creativity, they are meant for something else.

Be safe out there, and keep devouring that Trestle Board!

-Fraternally,  
Jan Halvax



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## DID YOU KNOW??

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

- Dec 1:** National Christmas Lights Day (Sorry, slackers, lights should be up today!)
- Dec 2:** National Skip School Day (Did I miss that when I went to school?)  
National Special Education Day (Where are all the students?)
- Dec 3:** Bartender Appreciation Day  
Let's Hug Day (I wish I was a bartender)
- Dec 7:** National Letter Writing Day (Write a Brother)
- Dec 12:** Festival of Unmentionable Thoughts (Should be a quiet affair)
- Dec 15:** National Cat Herders Day (Good luck and wear gloves!)
- Dec 21:** National Flashlight Day  
Look On The Bright Side Day (Good thing I brought my flashlight..)
- Dec 23:** Last-Minute Shopper's Day
- Dec 26:** National Thank You Note Day (Sigh..)  
National Whiners Day (Sigh..)
- Dec 31:** New Year's Eve. Have a great and healthy 2023!

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# From The Secretary



all the perpetual members. We have to pay per capita on the perpetual members, but not on our Senior Life, and Reg 19 members.

## From the Secretary

As I am in the process of putting another year into the history books, I want to thank the brethren for the confidence they have in me by electing me to yet another term as secretary. As I have said and done in the past, I will continue to do my best to support our lodge and masonry in general. One of my goals for 2023 is get all the old minutes scanned and put in decent binders. Reading the minutes from prior years, especially 100 years ago, provides some great insight to what we have done in the past. Last year for the January stated meeting I read the minutes from the January meeting of 1922. One of the items in the minutes was the approval of the resolution to allow a second lodge in Tucson. That lodge is known today as Epes Randolph #32.

As of the day I wrote this, 137 members still need to pay their dues. If you have paid your dues, your dues card has been sent. I have also already sent out all the cards for our Perpetual, Senior Life, and Reg-19 members as well as all dues notices. Dues remain at \$122 (\$127 is paying via PayPal) and are due by December 31, 2022. The new 2023 dues cards are sagebrush (light green) in color. So, if your dues card isn't light green, please send in your dues. For those of you who are Perpetual Members, (or any one else for that matter) feel free to make a donation to help offset the per capita payment we need to make for

My biggest challenge is keeping track of everyone. Since mailing out dues cards, I have had 3 come back as undeliverable, unable to forward. I am expecting to see several dues notices come back the same way. If you move, or change phones numbers, or email, please let me know at [tl4so@outlook.com](mailto:tl4so@outlook.com). On a side note, the lodge's hotmail address has been hijacked and I have moved everything over to the outlook address. So, if you still have the hotmail address in your address book, please delete it and use the outlook address.

As this is the December issue, I want to wish all my brethren the peace and joy that goes with the season. And remember, if you need help, please ask.

See you in lodge!

Paul A. Simpson, PM

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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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